

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: MEYER HARRIS COHEN

FILE #58-HQ-6129

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647PM CST URGENT 1-15-66 ENT

TO DIRECTOR

FROM KANSAS CITY (58-NEW) 4P

[REDACTED]; HARRY COHEN; MEYER HARRIS COHEN, AKA MICKEY COHEN;

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED], BRIBERY. - 00:

KANSAS CITY.

LATE EVENING, JANUARY FOURTEEN LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD,
MISSOURI, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED], MEYER COHEN AND [REDACTED] ARE INMATES AT THE PRISON.

[REDACTED] IS A NURSE AT THE PRISON AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WHO IS NOT A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE. HARRY COHEN IS A
BROTHER TO MICKEY AND LIVES IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. REC-82 MCT-7 N 58 5129

ON JANUARY FOURTEEN LAST, THEY CAUGHT [REDACTED] WITH 18 1966
VARIOUS CONTRABAND ARTICLES OF FOOD AND TOILET ARTICLES WHICH SHE
HAD FOR COHEN [REDACTED]. SHE ADMITTED SHE HAD RECEIVED TWO
HUNDRED DOLLARS POSTAL MONEY ORDER IN MAY SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], AND SENT BY HARRY COHEN TO REIMBURSE HER FOR ITEMS

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PURCHASED FOR MICKEY. SHE HAS ALSO CLANDESTINELY MAILED OUT TWO DOZEN LETTERS FOR COHEN TO HIS BROTHER, AND HAS ALSO MADE TELEPHONE CALLS FOR COHEN. ONE CALL IN MID-SIXTYFIVE TO HARRY COHEN TO TELL HIM ABOUT MICKEY'S PHYSICAL PROGRESS; THE OTHER CALL ABOUT THE SAME TIME TO [REDACTED], LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, REQUESTING HIM TO SEND MONEY TO HARRY COHEN TO ASSIST MICKEY. [REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITHOUT PAY.

SHE FURNISHED TWO SWORN STATEMENTS, FBI, JANUARY FOURTEEN LAST, ONE DEALING WITH COHEN AND THE OTHER WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] COHEN ORIGINALLY REQUESTED HER TO BRING HIM SOME TEA WHICH SHE EVENTUALLY DID AND THIS LED TO HER BRINGING HIM OTHER ITEMS IN THE FOOD LINE. HE TOLD HER HE WOULD WRITE TO HIS BROTHER, HARRY, AND HAVE HIM SEND HER TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO PAY FOR THESE ITEMS. HE WROTE THE LETTER, SHOWED IT TO HER, AND SHE ILLEGALLY MAILED THE LETTER FROM OUTSIDE THE PRISON. SHE RECEIVED A TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR POSTAL MONEY ORDER FROM COHEN IN MAY SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED] HE CASHED IT AND GAVE HER ALL THE MONEY. SHE STATED SHE HAS SPENT MOST OF THE MONEY MAINLY FOR FOOD ITEMS FOR COHEN. [REDACTED] HAS
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ALSO CALLED (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED], WHO IS CONNECTED WITH A [REDACTED] COMPANY, REQUESTING [REDACTED] FOR FINANCIAL HELP FOR MICKEY.

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[REDACTED] HAS RECEIVED FROM HER TWENTY DRISTAN INHALERS AND ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO SHE RECEIVED AT HER HOME FIFTY DOLLARS IN CASH IN AN ENVELOPE POSTMARKED [REDACTED] WITH NO NAME OR RETURN ADDRESS. THIS IS THE RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] AND SHE ASSUMED THAT IT CAME FROM HER BUT IS NOT POSITIVE. HER NAME IS REFLECTED IN THE FILE AS [REDACTED]

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INMATE [REDACTED] IN AUGUST SIXTYFIVE, AND THEREAFTER HAS ASKED HER TO MAIL LETTERS FOR HIM IN WHICH HE WOULD ASK VARIOUS PEOPLE FOR MONEY TO BE SENT TO [REDACTED] AND SHE WOULD RECEIVE TWENTYFIVE PERCENT OF ALL MONEY RECEIVED. SHE REFUSED TO DO THIS.

ON JANUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTYSIX, ^{Resident United States Attorney} ~~AUSA~~, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, ADVISED HE WOULD CONSIDER PROSECUTION OF ALL SUBJECTS, HOWEVER,
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HE PLANS TO DISCUSS THE CASE FIRST WITH [REDACTED], LEGAL
COUNSEL
COUNCIL, BUREAU OF PRISONS, WASHINGTON, D. C. INVESTIGATION WILL
INCLUDE TRACING OF MONEY ORDER AND LISTING ALL TELEPHONE CALLS
AT [REDACTED] RESIDENCE.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM

THE FOLLOWING WITH LEADS SET FORTH.

AIRMAIL COPIES ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND
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cc: Mr. Rosen

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January 17, 1966

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TO SAC KANSAS CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

[REDACTED] HARRY COHEN; MEYER HARRIS COHEN, MICKEY COHEN;
[REDACTED] b7c

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FACTS APPEAR TO CONSTITUTE POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF IFPI
STATUTE, SECTION ONE SEVEN NINE ONE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, U. S. CODE.
PRESS INVESTIGATION AND OBTAIN A FIRM PROSECUTIVE OPINION FROM
THE AUSA. SUTEL BY COB ONE EIGHTEEN NEXT AUSA'S DECISION.
EXPEDITE.

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NOTE: This involves the introduction of contraband into the Federal Penal Institution, Springfield, Missouri, participated in by Mickey Cohen, a well-known hoodlum and gangster who is incarcerated there and employees at the institution. We are pressing for a prosecutive decision.

This matter was discussed with Mr. Carl W. Belcher, Criminal Division, who advised he had received no inquiry from AUSA, Kansas City, but based on available facts a violation is indicated. When complete data submitted, we will discuss further with the Criminal Division.

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232 PM EST URGENT 1-17-66 MRW

TO KANSAS CITY

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

[REDACTED] HARRY COHEN; MEYER HARRIS COHEN, MICKEY COHEN;
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] b7c

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Mickey Cohen is the notorious West Coast hoodlum and gambler who is presently serving time after being convicted by Federal authorities on an income tax charge.

This appears to constitute a possible violation of the Irregularities in Federal Penal Institution Statute (introduction of contraband). Kansas City will be so advised and we are discussing case with the Criminal Division.

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January 18, 1966

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To: SAC, Kansas City (58-239)

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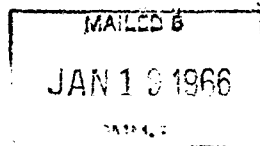
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Your attention is directed to current Bureau instructions relative to the handling of IFPI violations. Note specifically that the instructions require prior Bureau authority before discussing same with U.S. Attorney. In the future, be guided accordingly.

By return communication, submit brief concise LHM suitable for dissemination to Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Justice.

Expedite investigation and keep Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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FBI KAN CITY

1135 AM CST URGENT 1-18-66 ECB

TO DIRECTOR

FROM KANSAS CITY (58-239) 1-P

[REDACTED], ETAL. BRIBERY, IFPI. KANSAS CITY OO.

REBUTEL JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST.

BY LETTER JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST AUSA HARRY WIGGINS,
KANSAS CITY, MO., ADVISED CONSIDERING PROSECUTION UNDER
T EIGHTEEN USC TWO ZERO ONE. ALSO CONSIDERING T EIGHTEEN
USC ONE SEVEN NINE ONE AND T EIGHTEEN USC THREE SEVEN ONE.

STATES DESIRES COMPLETE INVESTIGATION PRIOR TO RENDERING
PROSECUTIVE OPINION AND THAT WILLIAM G. HUNDLEY, DEPT. OF
JUSTICE, WDC, AND [REDACTED], BUREAU OF PRISONS, WBS,
ARE IN AGREEMENT OPINION BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT
OF REPORT.

CASE RECEIVING EXPEDITIOUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

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Date: 1/17/66

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Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Wick _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
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Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) -P-

[REDACTED]
HARRY COHEN;
MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka
Mickey Cohen;
[REDACTED]

BRIBERY

OO: Kansas City

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and three copies letterhead memorandum re captioned matter. One copy being furnished Charlotte, Las Vegas, New York and San Francisco for information. One copy being furnished USA, Kansas City, Missouri, for information purposes.

A report is being prepared in this which will set forth leads based on information contained in letterhead memorandum.

ENCLOSURE

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1 - Charlotte (Enc. 1)(Info)
1 - Las Vegas (Enc. 1) "
1 - New York " "
1 - San Francisco (Enc. 1)(Info)
2 - Kansas City
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C. C. Wick

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Kansas City, Missouri

January 17, 1966

[REDACTED]
HARRY COHEN;
MEYER HARRIS COHEN,
Also Known As Mickey Cohen;
[REDACTED]

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Date January 17, 1966

[REDACTED] Medical Center b7c
for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MICKEY COHEN and [REDACTED] are all inmates at
the present. He described MICKEY COHEN as a well known inmate
who presently has a million dollar Federal Tort Claim Act
pending against the Government at Atlanta, Georgia, which is
scheduled for trial January 31, 1966. HARRIS COHEN is a
brother to MICKEY and lives in Los Angeles, California.
[REDACTED] is a nurse at the prison and has been so employed
for the last [REDACTED] years. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on the evening of January 14, 1966, b7c
at about 6:30 PM, [REDACTED] came to the
nurses' lounge and requested permission from [REDACTED] to
search her locker. He commented that they had received infor-
mation that various articles were being brought into the
institution illegally and [REDACTED] was suspected. She
granted them permission and the following items were found:

- Ten (10) Dristan inhalers;
- One (1) can vegetable beef soup;
- One (1) two ounce jar Brilliantine (Three Flowers);
- One (1) jar Antipasto;
- One (1) jar Aqua Velva;
- Six (6) slices of rye bread.

She told him the food items were for MICKEY COHEN b7c
and the Dristan inhalers were for inmate [REDACTED]. She then
admitted that HARRY COHEN, brother of MICKEY COHEN, had sent
her \$200.00 to cover expenses of food items for MICKEY. She
admitted making a telephone call to HARRY COHEN for MICKEY
and another call to [REDACTED] a friend
of COHEN's.

In addition, she admitted she had been approached b7c
by inmate (First Name Unknown) [REDACTED] to mail letters for him,
asking people to send money to her which she was to deliver
to [REDACTED]. She refused to do this.


On 1/14/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239

by SA [REDACTED] :jfh Date dictated 1/15/66 b7c

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She denied that she ever brought narcotics or other medications into the institution for any inmate.

 advised she furnished a short signed statement admitting above and she has been placed immediately on Administrative Leave without pay.

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Date January 17, 1966

On January 14, 1966, [REDACTED] furnished
the following signed statement:

"Springfield, Mo.
January 14, 1966

"I, [REDACTED], being duly sworn, make the following voluntary sworn statement to [REDACTED] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement and that anything I say can be used against me in a court of law. I have been advised of my right to an attorney before making a statement or saying anything at all.

[REDACTED]

"In about February, 1965 I was contacted by Mickey Cohen, an inmate at the Medical Center for Federal Prisons where I work as a nurse, to get him some tea that had lemon and sugar in it. I told him he could get tea here but he said it did not have lemon in it. I did not bring him any tea on this occasion. He kept asking me for this tea when I'd stop by to see on my routine rounds. Three or four days after he first asked me I brought him a couple packages of tea. I brought it into the prison in my lunch bag. Cohen thanked me for it and he asked me for something else probably salami, mustard or something to eat. About twice a week after this I'd bring him something in the food line.

"In April, 1965, Cohen told me he wanted his brother, Harry, to send me money for the things I had been buying. This was all in the food line and "Three Flowers" hair oil. Cohen told me he didn't want me to spend money for these or consider it a bribe but he would ask his brother to send money to me at my residence. I continued to bring him food about twice a week.

On 1/14/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239

by SA [REDACTED] :jfh Date dictated 1/16/66

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"Cohen told me during this time he had written to his brother and in fact I mailed it out. I read the letter in which Cohen requested his brother to send money to me. Cohen asked his brother to send \$200.00 to me at my home. This was the latter part of April, 1965. Within a week Harry Cohen wrote to me at my home address and told me he did not have any money at the time but would send it as soon as possible. The letter came from Los Angeles, California. I have destroyed this letter.

"In May, 1965, Harry Cohen sent me a \$200.00 money order. It was made out to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] cashed it at the post office. [REDACTED] gave me all of the money. I wrote back to him and told him I had received the money order and thanked him. I estimate I had spent about \$25.00 on food items for Mickey Cohen.

"I continued bringing him pretty much the same items including herring and Jewish salami. I last brought him two bags of tea on Monday morning, 1/10/66. Mickey Cohen has never given me any money or anything of value. He has hinted that when I have spent the \$200.00 he would have his brother send some more money.

"I have taken out of the prison about 2 dozen letters for him going to his brother, Harry. He just handed me the letter and I read it and once outside put them in a plain envelope and mailed it for him. I also mailed some letters for him to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I handled these in the same manner and I am aware this violated institution regulations. One time I mailed an unauthorized letter for him to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has something to do with a [REDACTED] company. Cohen wanted financial help for his attorneys in Atlanta. [REDACTED] called me and told me he could not help him financially and I passed this on to Cohen.

"I have probably spent most of the \$200.00.

"I did telephone Harry Cohen twice and the one call had to do with Mickey's physical progress. The other call I made to Harry informing him I had received the money order. I also telephoned [REDACTED] once to ask [REDACTED] to send money to Mickey's brother, Harry. b7C

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and five other pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed each page and correction.

"/s/ [REDACTED] b7C

"Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of January, 1966, at Springfield, Mo.

[REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, Kansas City, Mo. b7C

"Witnesses:

/s/ [REDACTED] 1/14/66
[REDACTED] Medical Center Federal Prisoners." b7C

She explained she believes the reason the postal money order [REDACTED] rather than [REDACTED] was the fact HARRY COHEN could not read her writing and did not know [REDACTED] at the time. Since it [REDACTED] she had him cash it at the post office. b7C

She related she did not do these favors for COHEN for money, but only because she felt sorry for him.

She stated the telephone call she mentioned occurred in mid 1965, exact date or month unrecalled. She was informed the following items were taken from her by the prison authorities:

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Ten (10) Dristan inhalers
One can Campbell Vegetable Beef Soup
One can Mister Mustard
One jar two ounce Brilliantine (Three Flowers)
One jar Antipasto
One jar Aqua Velva
Six slices rye bread.

She stated the food items were for COHEN except for the mustard and soup which she personally planned to use. She was keeping the inhalers for [REDACTED] and was going to give him two of them tonight, January 14, 1966. The Brilliantine was for COHEN and she did not know who the Aqua Velva was for. b7c

The following is a description of [REDACTED] taken from observation and interview:

Sex
Race
Birth data

Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Residence

Occupation

Education

[REDACTED] b7c
Nurse. Employed at the
Medical Center for
Federal Prisoners,
Springfield, Missouri.
[REDACTED]

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"I am a nurse at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Mo. and have been for the last [REDACTED] years.

"At the prison I became acquainted with an inmate, [REDACTED], in the latter part of 1962. Sometime this past summer of 1965, [REDACTED] asked me to buy a birthday card for his daughter on the outside and send it to her which I did. He never asked for any other favors until September, 1965. First he asked me if his mother sent me money would I buy items for him he could not get in prison. I told him his mother did not have to send me any money, I would bring him soup. I did bring him in some soup on three occasions.

"In about October, 1965, he had a bad cold and asked me to bring in a couple of Dristan inhalers. I brought him in two of them and he immediately used the one. I would estimate I have brought in 30 inhalers for him, 10 of which are still in my locker. I just gave him two at a time. About 3 or 4 weeks ago I received a letter in the mail containing \$50.00 cash. The letter had no name or

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return address. It was postmarked [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I discarded the envelope. I assumed it was from his mother. He never mentioned it to me at all. I never received any more money and informed him I had been paid for my kindnesses to him.

"Another inmate named [REDACTED] a patient on 1/4, has asked me several times beginning in 8/65 to mail letters for him. In these letters he was writing to various people asking them to send money to me. I was to put my name and address at the bottom of the letter and to keep 25% of any money received. I only recall one name and it was a brother of an inmate named [REDACTED] I refused to do this and he has not been pressuring me to do this. I have never been threatened in any way by any inmate at any time.

"I suppose I did this because I felt sorry for these men. I was not primarily interested in the money.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and three other pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed each page and correction.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of January, 1966 at Springfield, Mo.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

Special Agent,
FBI, Kansas City, Mo.

"Witness:

"1/14/66 [REDACTED]

Medical Center Federal Prisoners."

On January 14, 1966, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]

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On January 15, 1966, the facts of this case were discussed telephonically with Assistant U. S. Attorney John Harry Wiggins, Kansas City, Missouri, by Special Agent [REDACTED] at which time Mr. Wiggins indicated he will consider prosecution on all subjects; however, he plans to go over the case first with [REDACTED] Legal Counsel, Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D.C.

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January 26, 1966

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To: SAC, Kansas City (58-239)

From: Director, FBI 58-6129-S

Subject: ~~CHANG~~ REC-9
~~ET AL~~
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Reurtel January 20, 1966.

The title of this case has been changed to reflect the character as IFPI rather than Bribery - IFPI, as it has previously been carried. In all future communications the character of this case should be carried as IFPI and Bribery should be deleted.

You should bring this case to a logical conclusion as soon as possible and obtain the U. S. Attorney's opinion with respect to prosecution. This case should continue to receive expeditious attention with the Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

If the U. S. Attorney authorizes prosecution in this case, the Bureau should be immediately advised by teletype or telephone due to the press potential involved in a case which concerns the nationally-known gangster Mickey Cohen. Submit report to reach the Bureau by 2/3/66 under airtel cover.
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This case involves the introduction of contraband articles of food and toilet articles to several inmates of Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri. One of the inmates involved is Meyer (Mickey) Cohen, the well-known hoodlum and gangster from Los Angeles area. [REDACTED] prison nurse, was caught and admitted receiving two money orders in May, 1965, made out to her husband and sent by Harry Cohen, Mickey Cohen's brother to reimburse her for items she purchased for Mickey. She also admitted making telephone calls for Mickey Cohen and mailed letters clandestinely for him. [REDACTED] has also admitted receiving 20 Dristan inhalers at her home for another inmate. [REDACTED] has given Special Agents two signed statements regarding her activities involving Mickey Cohen and the other inmates. This case is being pressed vigorously. *D*

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 21 1966

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945PM CST URGENT 1-20-66 ENT

TO DIRECTOR

FROM KANSAS CITY (58-239) 3P

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[REDACTED] AND OTHERS ^{IRREGULARITIES IN FEDERAL PENAL INSTITUTION}
ET AL, BRIBERY, IFPI, OO: KANSAS CITY. **[REDACTED]**

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RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST.

NEWS MEDIA, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, HAVE BEEN TIPPED BY
ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLS THAT INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY
MEDICAL CENTER FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI,
^{MEDICAL CENTER FEDERAL PRISONERS}
NURSE FIRED, AND MCFP POSSIBLY INVOLVED. CASE RECEIVING
CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PUBLICITY.

[REDACTED] ^{MEDICAL CENTER FEDERAL PRISONERS}
[REDACTED] MCFP, ADVISED LOCAL

NEWSPAPER, SPRINGFIELD LEADER-PRESS, PUBLISHED BY SPRINGFIELD
^{MEDICAL CENTER FEDERAL PRISONERS}
NEWS, INC., IN DETAIL CONCERNING CONTRABAND ITEMS AND MCFP
INVOLVED. LEAK BELIEVED TO BE FROM INSTITUTION PERSONNEL.

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[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [REDACTED] BUREAU OF PRISONS, WASHINGTON, D.C., TODAY. [REDACTED] INSTRUCTED HIM TO FURNISH NEWS RELEASE STATING INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED, LIST CONTRABAND ITEMS INVOLVED, AND STATE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY. [REDACTED] CONCERNED SINCE NEWS MEDIA HAD MISINFORMATION ALLEGING NARCOTICS AND DRUGS INVOLVED, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE.

FBI OBTAINED FROM MEDICAL CENTER TWO LETTERS SIGNED "HARRY", ONE DATED JANUARY TEN, SIXTYFIVE, AND OTHER DECEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE. [REDACTED] INFORMED PRISON SHE GOT THEM THROUGH MAIL AT HER HOME ADDRESS FROM HARRY COHEN, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THREE LETTERS SIGNED [REDACTED], NONE DATED, RECENTLY RECEIVED BY [REDACTED] FROM [REDACTED] SHE STATED COHEN HAD NOT SEEN ANY OF THESE LETTERS ADDRESSED TO HIM. NO

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ENVELOPES AVAILABLE. b7C

COHEN, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] UNCOOPERATIVE AND DENY INVOLVEMENT.

[REDACTED] RESIGNED EFFECTIVE [REDACTED] FOR INFORMATION

BUREAU, COHEN BEING MOVED JANUARY TWENTYFIVE NEXT ENROUTE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT REGARDING FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT
USDC, ATLANTA, RE FTCA CASE.*

SWORN STATEMENT, JANUARY TWENTY LAST FROM INMATE [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COHEN ALSO TOLD
HIM [REDACTED] MAILED LETTERS FOR HIM CONCERNING HIS CASE. CASE
RECEIVING VIGOROUS ATTENTION. REPORT FOLLOWS.

AIR MAIL COPIES ATLANTA, LAS VEGAS AND LOS ANGELES.

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WA...JXM FOR TWO

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*Cohen, on 2/17/64, filed a \$10,000,000 suit against U. S. Government for injuries sustained by being struck on the head by a fellow inmate at U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta.

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To: SAC, Kansas City (58-239)

From: Director, FBI (58-6129)

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ReBuairtel January 26, 1966.

By return airtel, advise of United States Attorney's opinion with respect to prosecution.

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NOTE:

This involves the introduction of contraband into the Federal Penal Institution, Springfield, Missouri, participated in by Mickey Cohen, a well-known hoodlum and gangster who is incarcerated there and employees of the institution. We are pressing for prosecutive decision.

This matter was discussed with Mr. Carl W. Belcher, Criminal Division, who advised he had received no inquiry from AUSA, Kansas City, but based on available facts, a violation is indicated. When complete data submitted, we will discuss further with the Criminal Division.

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FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P

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Re Bureau airtel 1/26/66.

Enclosed are three copies of report
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TITLE OF CASE [REDACTED] ET AL;		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY ENV
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REFERENCES:

Kansas City teletype to Bureau, dated 1/15/66.
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ENCLOSURES (15):

TO BUREAU:

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of the following described documents:

Case Pending Over One Year ☒ Yes ☒ No
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1) A letter addressed "Dear Mickey" Monday night, signed [REDACTED]

2) A letter addressed "Dear Mickey" Las Vegas, Nevada, Wednesday night, signed [REDACTED]

3) A letter addressed "Dear Mickey" Saturday morning, Las Vegas Nevada, signed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These letters were obtained from [REDACTED] and she obtained them from [REDACTED] to pass on to MICKEY COHEN.

4) Copy of a letter, dated December 7, 1965, addressed "My Dear Brother, Mickey", signed HARRY, which is obscene.

5) A letter addressed "Dear Mickey" dated January 10, 1965, signed HARRY.

[REDACTED] Both of these letters obtained from [REDACTED] which letters she received from HARRY COHEN, for delivery to MICKEY COHEN. b7c

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TO LAS VEGAS:

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2) Copy of letter addressed "Dear Mickey", dated January 10, 1965, signed HARRY.

LEADS:

ATLANTA (INFORMATION):

An information copy is designated for Atlanta in view of their interest in MICKEY COHEN.

CHARLOTTE

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA:

Interview [REDACTED] to determine if she sent the \$50.00 to [REDACTED] and what prompted her to send the money. Determine if she has sent any other money to [REDACTED] or received, or made any telephone calls to [REDACTED]. Obtain all correspondence she has received from [REDACTED] including envelopes, if available.

LAS VEGAS

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA:

1. Interview [REDACTED] regarding his contacts with [REDACTED]. Exhibit copies of letters written by him to COHEN to determine if he will acknowledge writing same. If not, obtain handwriting samples from him.

2. Determine what items he has sent [REDACTED] for delivery to COHEN, and if payments made by [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] for her services.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

1. Locate and interview HARRY COHEN, 1160 S. Hudson, for details concerning his relationship with [REDACTED]. Exhibit copies of letters he has written to MICKEY COHEN for delivery through [REDACTED]. If he denies writing these letters, obtain handwriting specimens.

Interview COHEN regarding the \$200.00 Postal Money Order he sent [REDACTED] in May, 1965. Determine if he has the stub, and if not, determine, if possible, the date he purchased money order, and at what Post Office. Determine if he has sent [REDACTED] any other money and what was the

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purpose of the \$200.00 he sent in May, 1965. b7c

2. Interview [redacted] regarding her knowledge of [redacted] noting in her letter to COHEN, dated March 15, 1964, she refers to [redacted] It is believed that [redacted] is another name that was used as a go-between by [redacted]

NEWARK

AT PATERSON, NEW JERSEY: b7c

Contact Hollywood Joe's Barber Shop, Church Street, to identify [redacted] and her relationship to inmates [redacted] and [redacted]. If neither is known, determine identity of any inmates known to her in the Medical Center with whom she corresponds.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK: b7c

Interview [redacted] regarding his knowledge of [redacted]. It is to be noted [redacted] sent [redacted] an unauthorized letter from COHEN. Determine if he still has this letter, and obtain. If not, what was the nature of its contents. Verify from [redacted] that he called [redacted] and determine the nature of the call. Determine if [redacted] ever sent [redacted] any money and the purpose of the money.

KANSAS CITY

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI: b7c

1. Will re-interview [redacted] based on the results of the investigation to date.

2. Attempt to locate information regarding Postal Money Order which reportedly went from the Post Office in Springfield, Missouri through the Union National Bank.

3. Interview other inmates and employees of the Medical Center in line with this current investigation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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On 1/23/66 [REDACTED] Postal Inspector, Springfield, Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] that if a money order is cashed here in this city, it can be handled through what they call a direct bank deposit plan, which means that this money order can be deposited at a local bank, the Union National Bank. He stated that it would be of great assistance if they could obtain the date that the money order was cashed at Springfield, Missouri and whether or not it was at the Main Post Office or one of the stations. He stated the money orders are then sent to the Federal Reserve Bank at St. Louis, Missouri where they are micro-filmed and then they are sent to the money order payment center at Washington, D.C. He stated it would help if HARRY COHEN cooperated and exhibited the stub, and also furnished information as to what Post Office he used to buy the money order.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (Encs.5) **b7c**

Report of: [REDACTED] Office: KANSAS CITY

Date: 1/31/66

Field Office File No.: 58-239 Bureau File No.: 58-5129

Title: [REDACTED] ET AL;

Character: IRREGULARITIES IN FEDERAL PENAL INSTITUTION

Synopsis: **b7c**

[REDACTED] Nurse, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, caught by institution officers on 1/4/66 with contraband articles intended for inmates MEYER HARRIS COHEN, also known as "MICKEY" COHEN and [REDACTED]. Food and toilet articles for COHEN and Dristan inhalers for [REDACTED]. In May, 1965, [REDACTED] advised she received \$200.00 Postal Money Order from HARRY COHEN, Los Angeles, California, which she claims was to compensate her for items purchased and to be purchased for COHEN. [REDACTED] advised she received \$50.00 in cash anonymously about a month ago, and a letter postmarked [REDACTED] which is residence of [REDACTED], and assumes money came from her. Inmate [REDACTED] approached her with request that if she took letters out of the institution for him, which letters requested money, she would receive 25% of all money received. [REDACTED] and COHEN refused to admit complicity. COHEN totally uncooperative. Medical Center made available five letters, obtained from [REDACTED] intended for COHEN, but undelivered. Two were signed "HARRY" which she stated she received from HARRY COHEN, Los Angeles, California, and three signed [REDACTED] which she received from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] informed prison officials 1/7/66 that [REDACTED] **b7c**
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was bringing contraband into the institution, and inmates COHEN, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were moving it within the institution. [REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] brought inhalers to [REDACTED], although he never physically observed this, and [REDACTED] gave some of them to [REDACTED] who would then sell them. [REDACTED] related COHEN told him [REDACTED] was taking letters out for him. Inmate [REDACTED] advised he knew [REDACTED] was bringing items into the institution, but could furnish no first hand information to substantiate this. He could smell lotion and tea in COHEN's room, which items he knew were not available through the Commissary. Nurses and employees interviewed, denied knowledge of [REDACTED] activities, or that they had, individually, brought in or took out any contraband items. Assistant U.S. Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri considering prosecution under Title 18, Section 201, 371, and 1791, United States Code.

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ENCLOSURES TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY:

Five enclosures as follows: b7c

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DETAILS:

This case is predicated upon receipt of a complaint from [REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, on January 14, 1966, to the effect that a nurse, [REDACTED] a Government employee, had accepted \$200.00 from HARRY COHEN, brother of MEYER HARRIS COHEN, also known as "MICKEY" COHEN, in exchange for favors rendered. He stated that in addition to this, [REDACTED] had in her possession, and in her locker, various items of contraband in violation of institution rules and regulations. b7c

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Ten (10) Dristan inhalers
One can Campbell Vegetable Beef Soup
One can Mister Mustard
One jar two ounce Brilliantine (Three Flowers)
One jar Antipasto
One jar Aqua Velva
Six slices rye bread.

She stated the food items were for COHEN except for the mustard and soup which she personally planned to use. She was keeping the inhalers for [REDACTED] and was going to give him two of them tonight, January 14, 1966. The Brilliantine was for COHEN and she did not know who the Aqua Velva was for. **b7c**

The following is a description of [REDACTED] taken from observation and interview:

Sex
Race
Birth data

Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Residence

Occupation

Nurse. Employed at the
Medical Center for
Federal Prisoners,
Springfield, Missouri.

Education

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[REDACTED] Inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, declined to be placed under oath, or furnish any written statement. He was advised at the inception of the interview by Special Agent [REDACTED] that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was told of his right to an attorney before making a statement or saying anything at all. He stated that he does not mind being interviewed, but he has no information of value to furnish. b7c

[REDACTED] advised he is housed on [REDACTED] at the prison, and denied he ever received any Dristan inhalers or other items from a nurse, [REDACTED]. He commented, "If you think otherwise, you will have to prove it". He admitted he knew through the grape-vine that Dristan inhalers were available on the ward, and the entire institution was aware of it. He denied he ever had any of the inhalers and he certainly was not going to incriminate himself or anyone else, explaining that in something like this, there is usually more than one involved. He has known [REDACTED] since he has been at the prison. b7c

[REDACTED] He stated he would not put the finger on anyone, inmate or personnel, even if it meant spending more time in prison. He does not want any trouble, nor does he want to receive any more prison time. He stated if anyone said he had Dristan inhalers in his possession, it is a lie. He never saw [REDACTED] with any Dristan inhalers, she did not give or sell him any, and he never saw her give any of them to anyone else. He then stated he had nothing more to say, and the interview was terminated.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex
Race
Birth data
Height

[REDACTED] b7c

On 1/18/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239
by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] :ENV 16 Date dictated 1/21/66 b7c

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[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, consented to an interview under oath, which oath was administered by Special Agent [REDACTED] was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make a statement, and that any statement he made, could be used against him in a Court of law. He was told that he had the right to consult with an attorney before making a statement or saying anything at all. [REDACTED] agreed to an oral interview. b7C

[REDACTED] stated he has been on [REDACTED] at the prison since December 8, 1965 as a Medical patient [REDACTED] b7C

As a patient on this ward, he has come in contact with a nurse, [REDACTED]. He denied that [REDACTED] ever did any favors for him outside of her usual duties and he never asked for any favors from her. He said he does not drink, use narcotics, and has no need for additional food [REDACTED]

He mentioned these items as those most logically to be considered contraband, and he has no need for any of them. He denied he ever approached [REDACTED] to mail letters out for him requesting money from various individuals, and that she would receive twenty-five percent of all money received. He denied that she ever mailed out any letters for him at any time, or that she brought in any letters that had been mailed to her home address for him. He claimed he would not know how to approach [REDACTED] for a favor.

[REDACTED] complained he has been locked up since [REDACTED] and that his room [REDACTED] was not "shaken down". He advised that in the past "shake downs", the institution has never found any contraband on him, or in his room. He feels he has been locked up unjustly. He related he had nothing more to say, and the interview was terminated. b7C

The following is a description of [REDACTED] taken from observation and interview: b7C

Sex [REDACTED]
Race [REDACTED]

On 1/18/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239
by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] :ENV 19 Date dictated 1/21/66 b7C

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Birth data

Height

Weight

Hair

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b7c

BACKGROUND INFORMATION - MEYER HARRIS COHEN

Also Known As "MICKEY" COHEN

COHEN is serving a fifteen-year sentence for income tax evasion. He was sentenced on July 1, 1961 and in addition to the fifteen years, received a committed fine of \$30,000.00. He was initially committed to the United States Penitentiary, at Alcatraz, on July 28, 1961, and remained there until October 17, 1961, when he was released on bond pending further litigation of his case. He was returned to Alcatraz on January 12, 1962, and again released on bond February 16, 1962, with his final return to custody on May 8, 1962. His Parole eligibility date occurs in December, 1966. His Mandatory Release date is in January, 1972, with his full term expiration date, December 13, 1976.

On August 14, 1963, COHEN, while an inmate in the U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, was attacked by another inmate. He was severely beaten about the head with a piece of pipe and rendered unconscious. He was transferred to the Medical Center on October 2, 1963, and he has been a medical patient at this institution since that time. He has a great deal of difficulty in walking, and sometimes uses a wheel chair. He is using extensive Physio-Therapy. There appears to be some doubt that COHEN will ever regain full use of his legs.

There is a copy of a letter in file, postmarked March 16, 1964, Los Angeles, California, with the return address [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] which reads as follows:

"Sunday, March 15th.

[REDACTED], MICKEY, I keep wondering how you are feeling - I keep thinking of you constantly- what do you look like - I'm so afraid I won't even recognize you.

[REDACTED] called me right after [REDACTED] had talked to her- It was good to get first hand information of you, altho it will be so good to be able to see you- myself-am I dreaming or being too hopeful-at times I start thinking-asking myself how many weeks-days- then I get a cold chill-I'm so afraid-everyone tells me to think positive-I'm thinking positive and praying-begging God-for this one favor-a chance to bring you home to make you well-the few years b7C

that we have left-will we enjoy them somewhat-
just being able to see you-when will we know-
when-

"Orchard Gables-the nurse there has called me
several times-I'm so sure they will do their
best for you professionally and with the love of
your family and good friends being able to see
you-it will speed the treatments for your getting
well-how much you have suffered-by yourself-I'm
so sick at heart-not having been able to visit
you-see you-

"Mickey, [REDACTED]-I am telling you to
keep your chin up-there must be a God to hear
my plea-this is our only chance to keep you-

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"In thinking positive and praying and hoping.
[REDACTED]

The file reflects that COHEN had been corresponding
with one [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] In July, 1965, [REDACTED] name was removed from COHEN's
approved correspondence list
[REDACTED]

The file reflects an Adverse Behavior Report
dated July 8, 1965 pertaining to COHEN as a patient on 1-4.
Correctional Officer [REDACTED] prepared a report
charging COHEN with possession of contraband (unauthorized).
Aqua Velva after shave lotion and Salida Instant Tea mix
were found in COHEN's possession. A check with the Commissary
revealed these to be unauthorized items, and not available
through the Commissary. COHEN said he brought them back from
California when he was out to Court. A check of institution
records failed to reflect these items listed when COHEN was
returned from Court. He claimed he obtained the tea in a
letter which was given to him by an institution officer. The
Behavior Committee warned and reprimanded COHEN, and the
contraband items were confiscated July 12, 1965.

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On January 20, 1966, [REDACTED] b7C
Medical Center, advised that COHEN would be leaving the
institution January 25, 1966 en route to Atlanta, Georgia in
connection with his case pending against the United States
Government in Atlanta. He stated this case entailed COHEN's
ten million dollar suit against the U.S. Government for the
injuries he sustained while confined at the United States
Penitentiary in Atlanta.

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MEYER HARRIS ~~COHEN~~, also known as ~~MICKY~~ COHEN, Inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, declined to be placed under oath, furnish any statement, or discuss the matter of contraband items coming into or leaving the institution. He was informed at the inception of the interview that he did not have to make a statement, and any statements he did make could be used against him in a Court of law. He was also informed by Special Agent [REDACTED] that he had a right to an attorney before making a statement or saying anything at all. These rights were explained fully by SA [REDACTED] COHEN commented only that if he found food in his room, he would be crazy not to eat it, and that if he found letters in his room, he assumed they came to him through normal mailing channels. He stated he did not intend to be disrespectful, but his attorney has told him not to discuss anything with any one without first consulting him. COHEN stated he intends to abide by the decision of his attorney, and the interview was terminated. b7c

COHEN is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth data	9/4/13, New York City, New York
Height	5'6"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown

On 1/18/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239
by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]:ENV 24 Date dictated 1/21/66 b7c

Date 1/27/66

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[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, made available two letters, dated December 7, 1965 and January 10, 1965, signed "HARRY", and believed sent to MICKEY COHEN by his brother, HARRY COHEN. [REDACTED] told him she had received these letters through the mail from HARRY COHEN, Los Angeles, California, and that MICKEY COHEN has not seen the letters. She claimed the letter dated January 10, 1965 must be January 10, 1966 since she just received both letters recently, and the date on the one must be a typographical error. b7c

He also made available three letters, signed [REDACTED], all undated, which [REDACTED] told him she recently received through the mail from [REDACTED], for MICKEY COHEN, however, he has not seen the letters. b7c

The originals of these letters were being made a part of the case file. b7c

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] associated with a former inmate at the institution, [REDACTED] and she admitted bringing him pie and cake while he was confined at the institution. She also has been in touch with [REDACTED] since his release, but only talked to him as a friend, and there was never any money involved in her relationship with [REDACTED]. She had, in her possession, nine letters which had been written by her to [REDACTED], but never mailed. She informed [REDACTED] that the letters were considered by her to be more of a "diary", but that if she ever met [REDACTED] again, she planned on giving the letters to him.

The originals of these letters were obtained and have been made an integral part of the file.

The letters do not indicate any violation of any rules or regulations of the institution deemed pertinent to this inquiry.

On 1/18/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239
by SA [REDACTED] :ENV 25 Date dictated 1/21/66 b7c

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[REDACTED], Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, made available the following items taken from a search by him on January 14, 1966 of a locker assigned to [REDACTED] and located in the Nurse's Lounge of the institution:

Ten (10) Dristan inhalers.
One (1) can of beef soup.
One (1) two-ounce jar of Brilliantine,
(three flowers).
One (1) Antipasto.
One (1) jar Aqua Velva.
Six (6) slices of rye bread.
One (1) six-ounce jar of Mr. Mustard.
Five (5) packages Nestea, ice tea mix.
One (1) smoked kippered herring (12 ounces).
One (1) vegetable soup mix.
One (1) jar flavored Lipton Tea (1½ ounce).
One (1) jar chili peppers (Torrido brand).
(12 ounces).
One (1) jar hot mustard (Fanci-Food brand)
(3 ounces).

On 1/20/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239
by SA [REDACTED] ENV 26 Date dictated 1/21/66

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[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, made available the following items of contraband taken from the room of MEYER HARRIS COHEN, also known as MICKEY COHEN, on January 14, 1966: b7c

Two (2) glass jars of relish.

One (1) glass jar of horse-radish.

One (1) glass jar of mustard.

[REDACTED] stated he interviewed COHEN regarding his possession of these items, and COHEN refused comment, other than saying that they were made at the institution, found their way into his room, and that anyone here is foolish not to try to supplement his food items any way he can. b7c

[REDACTED] stated that these items are not available to anyone from their storeroom, food service, or Commissary Store, for inmate purchases. Further, that the jars containing the above enumerated items, were jars with price stamped lids, similar to containers and price markings of items sold in local stores outside the institution. COHEN indicated that these items were not supplied to him by any nurse.

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by SA [REDACTED] ENV 27 Date dictated 1/21/66 b7c

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[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised that inmate [REDACTED] informed him that word had been passed [REDACTED] from another inmate, whom he declined to identify, that MICKEY COHEN wanted to know he had just cost COHEN another \$100,000.00. This, he said, referred to COHEN's being locked up for dealing in contraband items. b7C

[REDACTED] stated he talked with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] indicated to him that he had heard that Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were supposedly dealing in contraband items. [REDACTED] emphasized that this was only inmate information and he had nothing to substantiate it. [REDACTED] he said, lost some billfolds for some people in the craft shop sometime ago, and the inmates, particularly COHEN, were holding this over his head. [REDACTED] stated he had never received any concrete information from any source that any of the above-named officers were involved in contraband items. b7C

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by and SA [REDACTED] ENV 28 Date dictated 1/21/66 b7C

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[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised that in a search of [REDACTED] locker, on January 14, 1966, in addition to the items previously listed, he found a small bottle (labeled Sominex) containing 33 small yellow single scored tablets, and two white tablets with the letter E scored on both sides of each tablet. He also found a small cellophane packet containing 19 of the above-mentioned yellow tablets. [REDACTED] told him at the time that the tablets were non-prescription reducing pills she had obtained from a drug store. He stated these pills were shown to members of their medical staff, and none of the pills could positively be identified. b7c

[REDACTED] stated on January 15, 1966, a complete search of the Xray Department and Craft Shop was made by officers of the institution, and in the Xray Department a letter was found in the clerk's desk, addressed to [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] and near the close of the letter a note was written and signed [REDACTED]. He stated that this was a six page letter, and that the portion which concerned him most read as follows:

"Now, whatever you decide to do about this letter business, please don't mention anything about receiving this one. We are smuggling this out on the sly, and should the authorities here get wind of what we are doing, there will be a little trouble for us. Oh, don't mention [REDACTED] last name when you write. The first name is ok." b7c

[REDACTED] made this letter available to the F.B.I. b7c

He stated that their inquiry revealed that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] got together and wrote the letter, and had given it to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was to pass the letter to MICKEY COHEN, Registry Number 14738-H, who would give the letter to [REDACTED] for mailing. The price for smuggling one

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by SA [REDACTED]:ENV 29 Date dictated 1/24/66 b7c

letter out was Commissary articles valued at one dollar. He stated [REDACTED] is reportedly the sole collector of letters and Commissary, with COHEN receiving the largest share of receipts. [REDACTED] received her pay in the form of money from COHEN's brother, and [REDACTED] received his pay from COHEN in the form of outside food items brought in by [REDACTED] b7c

He stated that also found in the Xray (dark room) was one part roll of meat (outside brand), two rolls of pepperoni (outside brand). He stated that [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] and he admitted knowledge of the letter and meat articles, but would only say, "I'll just have to pay the price". [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were placed in Administrative control in 10-B, and were referred to the Adverse Behavior Committee. b7c

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED], who admitted that he was the [REDACTED] referred to in the letter; that he had written the last portion of the letter and signed it [REDACTED] and claimed he thought [REDACTED] was just going to try to get [REDACTED] (a friend) placed on his, [REDACTED] approved mailing list. He claimed he did not read what [REDACTED] had written and did not know the letter was to be smuggled out. [REDACTED] noted that this letter never left the institution. b7c

[REDACTED] stated that on January 19, 1966, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appeared before the Adverse Behavior Committee and [REDACTED] admitted writing the letter, but refused to comment on how the letter was to be smuggled out of the institution. [REDACTED] was also questioned about information that he had been carrying medication (cough syrup containing codeine) out of the drug room and passing it to inmate [REDACTED], who sold it to inmates in population for "main line" shooting. b7c

[REDACTED] denied carrying anything out of the drug room. [REDACTED] and when he was questioned about this matter, he denied all involvement, and was placed on Administrative status in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] refused to answer any of the charges against him and claimed he knew nothing about them.

[REDACTED] stated that the committee recommended that [REDACTED] be released from [REDACTED] and be [REDACTED] and that he be removed from his assignment [REDACTED] and referred to the Assignment Committee. It was also recommended that a good-time forfeiture hearing be held at some future date regarding [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] was released from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and was removed from his assignment [REDACTED] and referred to the Assignment Committee. It was also recommended that the good-time forfeiture hearing be held regarding [REDACTED] at a future date. b7c

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[REDACTED], Inmate, Medical Center
for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, furnished
the following signed statement:

"Springfield, Mo.
January 20, 1966

"I, [REDACTED] being duly sworn,
make the following statement to [REDACTED]
who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this
statement voluntarily in order to make certain facts
known about certain activity within the Medical Center
for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Mo. where I am
confined.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I started
working in the hospital on the [REDACTED] shift.
During my off duty hours I lived [REDACTED]. In the
hospital I worked as an attendant and as such I
ministered to the needs of patients.

"One of the patients on 1-4 was Mickey
Cohen [REDACTED]

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and five other pages and it is true and correct to the Best of my Knowledge and belief. I have initialed each page, correction, and deletions.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of January, 1966 at Springfield, Mo.

"/s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, FBI, Kansas City, Mo.

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Witness:

"/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, Kansas City, Mo."

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[REDACTED] Inmate Number [REDACTED] b7c
Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was placed under oath at the inception of the interview by Special Agent [REDACTED]. He was also informed by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make a statement, and that any statement he made could be used against him in a Court of law. He was informed of his right to an attorney before making a statement or saying anything at all. He stated he was agreeable to an interview, and that he had nothing to hide. b7c

[REDACTED] He has been, either a patient or working as an attendant on [REDACTED] shift. He has always worked the [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] shift. He stated that [REDACTED] a nurse, [REDACTED]. He stated that she uses the office on 1-4, and that he has noted that she sometimes reports directly to the office upon arrival for work, and that on other occasions, she makes her rounds first before going to the office. He stated he did not know anything specific, but that he just knew that something was going on and that he suspected [REDACTED] was bringing in contraband items. He stated he has been in the room assigned to MICKEY COHEN and has smelled lotion and tea which he knew to be contraband. He stated that COHEN normally had tea in his water pitcher whereas the other inmates did not. He stated he knows this since he has had COHEN request that he put ice in the tea. He stated he thought this tea was from outside the institution and that it did not smell like institution tea. He also noted that [REDACTED] seemed to spend more time with COHEN than any of the other inmates, some of whom were in poorer physical condition than COHEN.

He stated that COHEN was a demanding-type inmate, and that he recalled on one occasion COHEN asking inmate [REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED] stated he had no information that any correctional officers at the institution were bringing in any contraband, or taking contraband items out of the institution. He suspected that [REDACTED] was bringing in items, but he could not testify to this since it was only supposition on his part.

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[REDACTED] Inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised, after being placed under oath, that he has been on [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] shift. He stated he has never asked [REDACTED], a nurse, who has worked on 1-4, to do any favors for him at any time. He stated that he has heard talk that contraband items were going to MICKEY COHEN, but he does not know who was responsible for bringing these items in, but he understood they included shaving lotion, razor blades and food items. He stated he never heard [REDACTED] name mentioned as the person responsible for bringing these items in and he, personally, never saw any of the above-mentioned items. b7c

[REDACTED] stated that he did overhear an argument between MICKEY COHEN and [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] He stated he would judge that this happened about three weeks ago, and that he was in the hall-way at the time and COHEN and [REDACTED] were at the other end of the hall. He claimed he did not know what it was all about, [REDACTED]

He stated he has never heard any information that inmates [REDACTED] or any other inmates on the Ward, with the exception of COHEN, had been receiving any contraband articles from any source. b7c

[REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] ENV 38 Date dictated 1/22/66 b7c

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[redacted] Inmate Number [redacted] b7c
Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was interviewed under oath, with oath being administered by Special Agent [redacted]. He was also informed by SA [redacted] that he did not have to make a statement and any statement he made could be used against him in a Court of law. He was told he had the right to consult an attorney before making a statement or saying anything at all. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] b7c
he has heard that contraband, exact items unknown, were being distributed within the institution. He stated he did not know the source of these items, nor did he know who was distributing them within the institution. He stated that the only item of contraband he ever had was chewing gum, and that he was caught in connection with this violation, since chewing gum is a contraband item. He denied that he is a "runner" for inmate [redacted], and that he has carried items to [redacted] from MICKEY COHEN, or that he has carried items from MICKEY COHEN to [redacted]

[redacted] stated he had nothing further to say, and he does not want to spend any additional time in prison, and that he is working toward his release. He stated he will not say anything further that may cause him to receive an additional prison sentence. He requested that the interview be terminated, and it was.

On 1/21/66 Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239
by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] ENV 39 Date dictated 1/22/66 b7c

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[REDACTED] Inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was placed under oath by Special Agent [REDACTED] at which time he was informed that he did not have to make a statement, and any statement that he made could be used against him in a Court of law. He was told of his right to an attorney before making a statement or saying anything at all. [REDACTED] stated he had nothing to hide, and freely consented to an oral interview. **b7c**

He stated he is assigned on 1-4, and that he has been at the Medical Center for about [REDACTED]. He stated that he has never heard any information that contraband items were coming into 1-4 from any source. He stated he has never asked any of the institution employees to do him any favors outside of their line of official duties, and that he has never heard of any inmate on this Ward who has asked for any particular favors. He stated it is well known that MICKEY COHEN always asks for additional towels and soap, and that this seems to be a mania with him. He stated he has absolutely no information that would assist in this inquiry. He stated he did know that an investigation was under way, and that reportedly, contraband items were coming to 1-4, but he denied that he had ever received any of these items, and that if any were coming onto the Ward, he did not know who was bringing them, or who they were for.

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by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] ENV 40 Date dictated 1/22/66 **b7c**

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[REDACTED] Nurse, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was placed under oath by Special Agent [REDACTED] at which time she advised she had no objection to talking to the FBI regarding an inquiry into contraband items being brought into the institution. She stated she was aware that this investigation was going on and that she desired to cooperate. She stated she began employment at the Medical Center on [REDACTED] and left on [REDACTED] returning in [REDACTED] at which time she was assigned to 1-4. She stated that when she first came to the institution, MICKEY COHEN told her that he could buy and sell nursing care better than she could. She stated this statement was made to her by COHEN in 1962 and that she worked on 1-4 at that time. She admitted that one of the reasons [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was that she felt that COHEN was receiving preferential treatment; however, she has since decided the main idea behind this was to rehabilitate him and perhaps move him on to another institution. She stated she also had domestic problems at this time, and this coupled with her thoughts regarding COHEN's care and treatment brought on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] however she did not know what COHEN had said to provoke this statement. She stated she was personally irritated by COHEN because he wanted and received, sometimes four or five pairs of pajamas a day, and that this treatment was not afforded other inmates.

She stated she has never been approached by any inmate at any time to bring in any contraband items from the outside, or to take any out. She stated she had no information that any institution personnel, either in the Medical service or the correctional service, was dealing in contraband items. She stated she did not know the identity of any inmates who were dealing in contraband articles, and she commented that when [REDACTED] was caught by institution officers on January 14, 1966, in possession of contraband, she was stunned. She stated she had absolutely no positive information to furnish that would assist in this inquiry.

On 1/21/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # MO 88-236
by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] :ENK Date dictated 1/22/66

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[REDACTED], Nurse, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was placed under oath by Special Agent [REDACTED] at which time she was informed the purpose of the interview was to obtain any information she might have concerning contraband items coming into or leaving the institution. [REDACTED] stated that she has been at the Medical Center for [REDACTED] years, and that she has known [REDACTED] all of this time, however, they have had very little social contact on the outside. She stated she has worked on 1-4 on weekends, and in this capacity, she had heard that inhalers were being brought into the institution but she had no idea who was bringing them in, or who they were for. She said she heard several months ago that an inmate named [REDACTED] was involved in contraband items. b7C

She stated that it must be understood that it is easy in an institution such as this to hear rumors which are difficult, if not impossible, to substantiate. She stated she was completely surprised when [REDACTED] was caught by the institution officers on January 14, 1966, in the possession of contraband items. She now feels that [REDACTED] must have been the source of the inhalers. b7C

She stated she personally, has never been approached by any inmates at any time to bring in or take out contraband items, and that she definitely would not do this. She stated that she did not know of any institution officers or medical personnel involved in dealing in contraband. She stated that speaking for members of the nursing staff, that they were all upset by the fact that [REDACTED] had been caught with contraband items. b7C

On 1/21/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239

by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]: ENV 42 Date dictated 1/22/66 b7C

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[REDACTED] Nursing, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was placed under oath by Special Agent [REDACTED] stated she has been at the Medical Center since [REDACTED] and that she has known of [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] and has worked with her at this institution since [REDACTED]. She stated she had heard that someone was bringing in Dristan inhalers from the outside, but she never did hear who it was. She stated she has worked on 1-4, but this was about one year ago. She stated she was also working on 1-4 when MICKEY COHEN was first admitted to the institution. She stated that COHEN never asked her for any favors, and that she had been told by the, then, Warden, [REDACTED] that COHEN was to be handled by the custodial department. She stated that after this, she let COHEN alone. b7c

She stated that rather than Dristan inhalers, the report she heard was Dristan tablets, and that someone in physical therapy was putting them out. She said she heard this report two or three months ago. She stated she realizes that this could be going on, however they tried to discount these reports. She stated she definitely never suspected that [REDACTED] was the individual bringing in the Dristan to inmates. b7c

She stated she has visited [REDACTED] socially on one or two occasions, but is not a close friend. She stated that it is her belief that this started quite innocently with [REDACTED]. She said she knows [REDACTED] likes to cook, and when she had been informed [REDACTED] that food was involved, she sort of suspected that [REDACTED] could be bringing in food to the inmates. She stated that at the time, this was only supposition on her part. b7c

She stated she has never been approached to bring in contraband items, by anyone, and that she has never done so. She stated she has no information that any letters were being taken out or being brought into the institution in violation of prison mailing regulations. She stated she had no further information to furnish.

On 1/24/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239

by SA [REDACTED] ENV 43 Date dictated 1/24/66 b7c

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[redacted] Nurse [redacted] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised, under oath, that he has been at the institution since [redacted] and that he has worked on I-4. He stated he last worked on this Ward from [redacted] from [redacted]. He stated there are normally twenty-five patients on this Ward, however, it can accommodate a capacity of thirty-seven. He stated that none of the inmates have ever asked him for any favors, and he never heard any information about contraband items being brought in or taken out of the institution. He stated he has only worked one day [redacted] and this was during his orientation period when he first started to work. b7C

He stated he had not received any information from any source that [redacted] was involved in any contraband items, and that it was his opinion that all of the inmates on one floor were treated equally, and that no one inmate received preferential treatment, one over the other. b7C

He stated he had no knowledge that [redacted] was any more favorable to one particular inmate than another. He stated he has never brought any contraband items into the institution, or taken any out, and he has never been pressured by any inmate to do so. He stated that his reaction to [redacted] being caught with contraband items, was one of disbelief. He stated that he has no information regarding any other employees at the institution being involved in contraband items, either into or out of the institution. b7C

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by SA [redacted] ENV 44 Date dictated 1/24/66 b7C

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[redacted] Nurse [redacted], Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised, under oath, that she has been at the Medical Center for [redacted] years and has spent all of her time on the [redacted] Floor. She stated she has known [redacted] ever since she came to work at the prison, but she does not know her socially. She stated she had never received any information from any source that [redacted] was bringing in items or taking them out from the institution in violation of prison regulations. She stated she has worked on one floor intermittently and that she is acquainted with inmates MICKEY COHEN, [redacted], and [redacted] and that none of these inmates have ever asked her for any favors. She stated she had never heard of any items coming into the institution for these three inmates, or any other inmates. She stated she has never heard the names of any medical officers or other medical personnel mentioned in connection with bringing contraband articles into the institution. b7c

She stated that she is proud of her profession and she is upset because an employee, [redacted], did not abide by the rules and regulations of the institution, and thus has cast a shadow of suspicion over the nursing staff. b7c

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[REDACTED], Senior Officer, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised, under oath, that he has been at the institution since [REDACTED] and that he has worked on 1-4 on the [REDACTED] shift about [REDACTED]. He stated that in the last ten months he has put in about six months of that time in the Mail Room, but is presently working in the visiting room. He stated he has been asked about six times to mail letters out of the institution by inmates. He stated that this is quite common within an institution when the inmates know who is working in the Mail Room and they think nothing of asking a particular officer to mail a letter out for them. He stated his standard answer to them has always been that he could do nothing that was not in the line of duty, and this would usually end it. He stated he is familiar with inmates MICKEY COHEN and [REDACTED] however, neither has ever asked him to mail any letters out of the institution for them or to bring any letters to them that would come in from the outside. **b7C**

He stated there is an inmate named [REDACTED], who approached him some time ago to bring him some coffee, in exchange for a billfold. He stated that now coffee is an item that can be purchased in the Commissary and is not considered contraband. He stated that he never did bring [REDACTED] a jar of coffee at any time in exchange for anything. He stated that he recalled also, in about 1958, [REDACTED] who worked for a now deceased Correctional Officer named PERRYMAN, asked him what he would do if he were approached to take a letter outside the institution. He stated that he told [REDACTED] that he would not do it and he could not afford to jeopardize his job or his family. He said he could not recall, specifically, any other instances. **b7C**

He stated that he has heard for some time that it was possible for inmates of the institution to get letters out of the institution at any time they wanted to. He said he heard this report from an unrecalled inmate on 2-1-W. He stated that an inmate named [REDACTED] said that he could get a letter out of the institution any time he wanted to. **b7C**

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He stated that [REDACTED] told him, on one occasion, that a former inmate, [REDACTED] had called her by telephone and told her that he was in trouble. She informed him that [REDACTED] had called her twice, and she advised him to turn himself in. He stated he had never had any information from any source that [REDACTED] was responsible for contraband items coming into or going out of the institution. He stated that he, personally, has never received any money or any offer of money to perform an act that was not in line with his official duties. He stated that MICKEY COHEN, nor any other inmate, has ever approached him to carry any letters out for them, or to bring any in. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and he does not need this kind of money.

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[REDACTED] Senior Officer, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised, under oath, that he is in his [REDACTED] year as an employee at the Medical Center. He stated that he has never heard any reports of any employees being involved in contraband items except [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] He stated that he heard that [REDACTED] and inmate [REDACTED] were supposedly involved in some type of activity pertaining to mail. He said that this is supposedly something that has been going on for some time and that [REDACTED] was reportedly mailing letters out for inmate [REDACTED]. He stated he had no idea what [REDACTED] received in exchange for this service, and he does not know for sure whether or not this is true.

[REDACTED] stated that he has worked on 1-4 frequently, and that [REDACTED] worked with him on occasion over a period of time on this ward. He stated he is very familiar with inmate MICKEY COHEN who was always having some type trouble getting what he wanted, particularly when it related to a shower, or additional linens. He stated he recalled that about two years ago he received a letter, which he has at home, from HARRY COHEN, thanking him for the care and attention he had been giving his brother MICKEY, and that in exchange he wanted to send him some pastries. He said he did not answer the letter, but he did take it and discuss it with the then, [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] told him that he would write to HARRY COHEN, however he does not know whether he did this. He stated he has this letter at home and will bring it to the institution and make it available to [REDACTED]. He recalled that the letter, which he is keeping as a sort of souvenir, stated that he wanted to send some pastries with no strings attached. He stated he doesn't know particularly what prompted this letter except that COHEN probably told him in a letter that he had been nice to him. [REDACTED] stated that possibly HARRY COHEN wanted to test him to see whether or not he would accept these pastries. He recalled that the letter was typed, but it was signed by HARRY COHEN. He said that MICKEY COHEN once told him that he should come to Las Vegas and he would see to it that he was treated in b7C

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a royal manner. [REDACTED] said he just passed this comment on as idle conversation.

He stated that he has never, at any time, brought any items into the institution, or taken any out for any inmates, in violation of institution regulations, and he does not intend to do so.

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[REDACTED] Senior Officer, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised under oath, that he has been in Government service for [REDACTED] years, and has been at the Medical Center since [REDACTED]. He stated he has worked on 1-4 about [REDACTED] years with his assignment changing about every three months. He said he has been on 1-4, currently, for about two months. He said no inmate has ever made any offer to him to perform any act in violation of his official duties. He said he has never brought any contraband items into the institution, nor has he taken any out for any inmate. He stated he does know [REDACTED] and that he has worked with her on one eight hour tour of duty. He stated he was completely surprised that she had been caught bringing in contraband items since she talked rough to the inmates, and he never suspected that she would do this. b7c

He stated that the inmates do think COHEN has received preferential treatment, but he stated he did not consider this to be true. He stated that the only thing COHEN ever received over the other inmates was more linens and towels, and that this was due to his mania for cleanliness, for which he is unable to explain. He stated he never observed [REDACTED] paying any particular attention to COHEN, or any other inmates on 1-4, and that he never received any information from any source that [REDACTED] was passing or taking things out of the institution. b7c

He stated he had no further information to furnish.

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[REDACTED] Senior Officer, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised, under oath, that he is [REDACTED] on 1-4. He has been at the institution as an employee for [REDACTED] years. He has been on 1-4 for the past month. He stated he worked six months recently with [REDACTED] on 1-4, but never worked on the night shift on this Ward except possibly relief. He stated that he never suspected [REDACTED] of bringing contraband items into the institution, or taking them out. He stated he personally thought she was tough with the inmates and was not too well liked. He stated she made them "tow the mark". He stated he did not know [REDACTED] socially and was completely surprised when she was caught bringing contraband items into the institution. He stated that MICKEY COHEN never asked him for any favors, nor did any of the other inmates on 1-4, which he considered outside the line of his official duties. b7C

He stated he had never heard any information about any institution employee, either correctional or medical, ever being involved in bringing contraband items into the institution, or taking them out. He stated he never even heard a rumor to this effect.

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On January 15, 1966, the facts of this case were telephonically discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Missouri, who advised he would consider prosecution of all subjects in this case, and that he intends to discuss the case with [REDACTED] Legal Counsel, Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D.C. before rendering any final prosecutive opinion. b7C b7C

On January 16, 1966, Assistant United States Attorney WIGGINS advised he has been in contact with [REDACTED] and they have mutually decided that no final prosecutive decision would be made until the investigation is completed. He stated there is a possible violation of the contraband statute, which is Title 18, Section 1791, U.S. Code., also Conspiracy statute as well as Bribery. He stated it may be possible to sustain a Bribery case, even though the money involved was minimum. It was used to circumvent Prison Regulations.

By letter, dated January 17, 1966, Mr. WIGGINS confirmed his opinion, given to Special Agent [REDACTED] on January 15, 16, 1966. In the letter, Mr. WIGGINS indicated that, in his opinion, several possible violations of the law have occurred, and that his office will consider prosecution under the Bribery Statute (Title 18, Section 201, U.S. Code). In addition, he indicated there may be violations of the Federal Code regarding of introduction of contraband into a Penal Institution (Title 18, Section 1791, U.S. Code) and Conspiracy (Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code). b7C

Wednesday Night, b7c

Dear Mickey,

I have your letter right here in front of me that I received just yesterday and I must say that you sound in a pretty good frame of mind and I am so happy to learn that maybe things are finally going your way after so long.

I am all set to go pick out your suits for the trip and in my last letter I told you so and this time if I have to go thru everything that you have there (and that is a lot) I will get you your silk flying suits and also the shirts to go with them. The last time that I got the stuff for you I had a slip from the Warden to send them to you. How do you want them sent this time?? I am also looking forward to the phone call that you said you would make and Yes, the number is still 735-2834. So hurry up and call me --it would be very good to hear your voice after so long.

I am glad to know that you and your attorney, Jack Dalhstrum are again on good terms and that they are optimistic about the trial in Atlanta. Naturally you will have your own rooting section there in me as I am looking forward very much to my trip there. I imagine due to the time schedule that we both have to make that it will be best to go there although I am waiting for you to give the word.

I am still going to send the pictures that we took on Xmas Day but they are delayed because of the holidays and I will send them as soon as possible. Today I did send the fruit-cake but only after a losing attempt to try to find a 5-gallon can to send it in so I had to resort to using one that my Mom had and not a new one. I hope that you don't mind----I air-mailed so that you would get it alright away. They don't spoil but tell our friend to keep it refrigerated and that it doesn't hurt to add a little brandy if you want. If you like it I will send you another one. b7c

[redacted] has been off the last two days and it sure has been nice to have her home with me. All we did was watch T.V. and last night we went thru some of our old pictures and things and we looked at all the clippings that we have from the days that you were indicted along with the ones that were taken of [redacted] and me as we attempted to go into your apartment that morning. It seems like so long to me so I can imagine how long it must seem to you.

I imagine that there are a million words that I could say to you when I write in order to try to cheer you up and to try to help your situation there but I somehow feel that you know how we all feel about you and that we all long to see you out and that to write such things would be an insult to you so I try to keep them as casual as I know how and to write you as if you were a older brother or something and to maybe help pass the time for you with my little bit of idle gossip and small things that happen here. But I do want to wish you all the luck in the world when you go to trial and hope that everything turns out in your favor and will continue to do so. (I hope that you have grasped what I have tried so hard to put down on paper) b7c

X I am enclosing a clipping that appeared in the local paper about [redacted] I think that next to your sentence that this was the most absurd thing that I have ever heard about----ten years for past posting a book-maker and making it a Federal beef also. In any other city they would only have to worry about the guys that they beat but in this fair-city they made a Federal case out of it. I don't see how these guys could ever have pressed charges on the two of them. You are so right when you say that all of these "smart guys" hollow copper when anything goes wrong that they are too weak to take care of themselves.

If I make that a Federal thing then I am looking forward to the day when they will do the same thing about trying to put me in a pair of "balonies" on a crap game and also to prosecute a dealer for getting caught swinging on one of the games. Damn shame, can't even grab a few checks for yourself without facing the chance of going to the bucket. Well, I don't have to worry about that anymore because I would need the Federal Government to get me a job in one of the joints now-a-days with all the steam that I have on me around here.

I haven't heard from Harry in a few days so I guess I will give him a buzz tonight and see what he has been up to in L.A. I invited him to spend the holidays with me but I suppose that he couldn't make it. If I know him then I am sure that he has something going in the fire.

Well I guess that I have run out of news so I will jump into the tub and settle down for a few hours of T.V.-----no, I have just decided to go to the gym and work out a little. Will watch it when I come back.

So until the next time I remain as always,

your good friend always,

b7c

P.S. Don't forget to make that phone-call..

Dear Mickey,

We received your letters yesterday, both [redacted] and mine and I am very happy to learn that things are looking good for you and you don't have to worry about the news going any further than me. I read my letter to both of us and then [redacted] read hers to me but I had to finish it because she became too emotional and began to cry over some of the things that you wrote. It really was a very touching letter

I will send you the salami and the bread this Monday and don't you ever think that it is too much trouble. I will air-mail all of it so that it won't spoil and you will get it before you leave if you do. I would love to see her sneak in this salami she must have developed some new hiding places that I don't know about.

We are a little upset here at the moment because my Father has to go into the hospital this Tuesday for a couple of days. He had a throat operation a few years ago and now the soreness has recurred again and this time they are going in to see if it's malignant or not. I personally spoke to the doctor after he went to visit him and the doctor said that there is a 50/50 chance that it could be cancer but they will have to wait until they get in there. My Mother started a novena for him and I have begun to say a few prayers myself so that he will come out O.K.

I spoke to Harry the other night after I wrote you and we shot the breeze for a few minutes---he said that he might come back with me when I go up there for my trial. He would love to see you and I wish that I could afford it because I sure as hell would take him with me when I go. From your letter it looks as though it will be Springfield so I won't even go to New Orleans because I really think that it will be a useless trip anyhow. And if I could get into a little action there and you should be released this year then I would just have to leave there to come see you when you get out. But all of that is in the future so I won't worry about it now. All that should concern you is getting out of that hell-hole that you are in and not worrying about doing anything for anyone until you yourself are back in good health and have taken a real long rest. I don't imagine anyone can know the anxiety that you must go thru when you hear good news and all the thoughts that must run thru your mind. Sometimes I can't at night worrying about what I have to do the next day so your nights must at times be unbearable. (I really goofed on that last sentence but I meant sleep at night.)

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Well the foot-ball season is just about over with only the Pro-bowl game remaining and the one tomorrow. Someday I am going to see a big-league baseball game and also a pro-football game. As silly as it may seem I have never seen either one of them and I follow them pretty much. I was amazed at some of the salaries that some of the rookies received this year. If I would have known that they pay that good I would have continued playing ball---I played some in my high-school days but I didn't care for the practice after school because my Dad was in the business and I couldn't wait until I got thru school to get to the joint and play some cards and deal a little "21". But I have no regrets for the life that I have lived except for my little friend in L.A. who has caused me so much trouble----- but I am very patient so I will wait until the time is right.

There is a part in your letter to [redacted] that really hits the nail on the head and that is the part where you say either you are on someone's side or you are against them all the way. Boy, that is the way that I feel. I can't say that I am the most liked guy in town but the few friends that I do have know that they can rely on me for almost anything and in some spots it has hurt me more than anything else but at least I was there.

Well Mickey, [redacted] (where did she ever get that name) has to start getting ready for work so I will sit and chat with her before she goes and then I will get put my T.V. schedule and see what is on tonight although I bet I could tell you by heart now. I'm waiting for the phone call from you so hurry up

by only to say hello. I love to see you always [redacted]

Monday night,

Dear Mickey,

I am sitting here drinking a "creme-soda" and listebing to a Western shoot 'em up because I am tired of watching them. I just a few minutes received a phone call from a [redacted] who called me from the Sands Hotel to say hello for me you. She was very nice and said that she had left there after visiting her brother and that you had sent your best to us here. She also asked how to get hold of [redacted] and [redacted] so I told her how. It seems that they were giving her the run around in trying to see [redacted] I asked them if there was anything that I could do for them during their stay here but they said that they were taken care of. But I will get hold of them tomorrow again and see if I can meet them for breakfast or something because she was one of the most polite women that I have ever spoken to and it is the least that I can do for the time that she made in calling me. If my Dad was at work and not in the hospital this week then he would let them be the guest of the Dunes Hotel and have dinner and see a show there.

He goes in tomorrow morning and they do their exploring in his throat at 3:00 P.M. Naturally we all are waiting for the results and my Mom is very much on edge.

Boy, they really dealt us a low blow as far as [redacted] job goes. AS of yesterday she now works from 11:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M. so we will have to adjust ourselves as to her sleep and also to my being with her. All the girls there say that it is the best money shift so maybe we will be alright if we can adjust. I usually go to bed around the time that she leaves for work and I get up at 7 or 8 in the morning----- she is sleeping right now and I have to wake her up in about an hour in order for her to go to work. That really sounds beautiful doesn't it; me, having to wake her to go to work when it should be the other way around.

Did you receive the fruit-cake by now?? I went to Foxy's today to get you the bread and the sblami but they didn't have the all meat kind so I will go back tomorrow and get the good kind and air-mail it to you; just don't get indigestion.

My insurance man was here today and I gave him the itemized list of all that was stolen ----it came to \$6200.00 counting [redacted] coat so I imagine that I will get the money in about 60 days. It sure will come in handy to this young man and I am looking forward to it very much. . If I should ever have another claim I think that they will have a federal investigation before they pay me off.

I am looking forward to my visit to see you very much and I wish that it was tomorrow. If it turns out to be Springfield then I will stay at the same hotel that I stayed at last time. The first night after my visit to you I went back to the hotel and had a few drinks at the bar there and you could have shot a cannon off in the joint and not wounded a soul. So I get cleaned up and then I take a cab and tell the driver to take me to the "swingiest" joint in town and he said that I just left it. So I had him turn around and take me right back and I ate and then went to bed. I don't think that I ever told you that story but I think that it is very funny; here's a joint that is a morgue and he says that it is the "spot" so I decided to pass. But I do want to get the same cab-driver because he was really a card. He told me all about the celebrities at the joint there; [redacted] Mickey Cohen led his list of the social register.

In all of the times that I have been out with you, you never have let me pay a bill of any kind and I recall the first time very well. We were at Ciro's for the Peggy Lee show and I called the cigarette girl over and ordered a couple packs of smokes and I tried to pay her and you said no. Well I insisted and I gave the girl the money and she gave it back to me and if your looks could have killed then there would have been one dead cigarette-girl. But what I was trying to get at is that when you get out I am going to take all of us out on this town ; that will really be my pleasure.

Are you on the so-called "Black-List" here????? I haven't made that one yet but I think that they have me on the dark grey one if that have that color.

Can you imagine this town with all of the scummers having a list of undesirables that they want to keep out. That sounds like a pig pen telling the hogs that they can't come in. (hell of a way to describe it but you know what I mean)

I just now took time out to to wake up my sleep/bride and get her on the way to work. She must have rolled over a dozen times before I finally got her up----wish that I could take her place tonight-----not as a waitress but a chance to go out and make a buck.

Well Mickey, I really just started this out to be a short one to let you know about the phone call from [REDACTED] and I made it into a novel so I will close for awhile hoping to hear from you soon. So until next time I remain as ever your very dear friend and hope much more,

[REDACTED]

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Hope you completed reading all the copies of letters I saved up to send you, as it will tell you the whole story of my disgust with all these shitheels. For your information, I got no answers from anyone to date, excepting the Sen. Long one. Micky, I must take my hat off to you for what you once told me about how to handle all people and supposed to be friends when you do anyone a favor, to make them pay for it thru the nose and have no mercy for anyone, moneywise when they come to you for a favor. Since I have been here, I have asked certain people to get a contact for a remodeling license for me to get into action, to date all I got is promises and no results as yet. I have done some favors for certain people here, let them use my office, telephones and whatever contact favors I could get for them, to date no one has come with a quarter. I run into plenty of deals where they want to make me a partner of about a year PARTS, before I can hope to draw some money, that is the kind of propositions I get around here

As for [redacted] statement that you are walking an hour a day on your own, I may have digested his letter wrongly, as he did state that you are now walking an hour a day in the yard, so I assumed that you were going it without any help, as he sounded happy to inform me of your fine progress in therapy, so maybe I am wrong. Anyway I pray and hope to God that you will be doing just that before long and that [redacted] sees you in better shape and brings me some good news from you in person, Mickey. Am sorry to hear that [redacted] hasnt even visited with you or called you into his new office, since he became the [redacted], however I am sure he is concerned with you. On Dec. 8th. tomorrow, the pre-hearing is supposed to be held in Atlanta, if you hear anything from [redacted] or Belli, please let me know. Bahlstrum still hasnt found the time to get your stuff together for me as he promised me if you would send him a direct O.K. He told me you sent the O.K. and it will take him a few days to gather it together etc. That is the type of crap attorneys you had represent you and befriend you supposedly. Someday when we sit down and study what happened to you in your trial, you will agree that I am right when I say that Dahlstrum & [redacted] both were reached by Uncle Sams agents. You could never been convicted with a fighting attorney who was protecting your Civil and Constitutional Rights, as Uncle Sam actually proved nothing, from your transcript. Bums are being freed right and left even if they plead guilty, due to newspaper publicity T.V. and Radio crap that no jury could swear that they didnt read or hear or discuss etc.

From now on in for the next year, please Mickey, write me from in there short letters and dont make any remarks about the officials or the lousy joint, or the food or treatment or care, just say that you are doing the best you can under the unfortunate circumstances and dont rap anyone or the joint. Whatever bitterness you do encounter, you can send me thru your lady friend, I am only thinking of your parole in Dec. 1966 and dont want them to present a bad conduct report on you, where they may want to claim that you are not rehabilitated or ready to be released to society or that crap. When I first came here to L.A. [REDACTED] must have thought that I had money or was going to make a move so they could make money with me, as they called me or dropped over to see me very often. I guess when they learned that I couldnt do them any good they had decided not to waste time with me, I say this as I havent heard from them now in weeks. Sorry that you havent had your anticipated visit as yet, hope you get one real soon. As for the storage, just forget about my asking, I know you know what you are doing about it. I understand real well, as long as you dont lose it. it is O.K. with me, so dont worry. [REDACTED] told me she would take care of that matter last week and I think she did by now. Would like to take care of [REDACTED] again, but I honestly just cant now, as business is lousy now, and I havent gotten any more salesmen for months now as I owe the L.A. Times for the "ADS" and may have to fold up this [REDACTED] stinking deal next month, as I cant pay cash for stock and have no credit to keep going, so there is no use paying rent, phones etc Mickey, am sorry I wrote some of my problems, as I know you got troubles of your own now but I have to get it off my chest to someone, so it might as well be you to worry for me. The first thing Ma wants to know daily is how my business is doing and how much money I took in, so I tell her everything is very fine, as she worries that I may blow town again I tell [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] my kids and [REDACTED] the same thing, so I have no one to tell my own troubles to, so you will have to forgive me for adding to your own worries, I love you,

Dear Mickey

Received both of your letters from [redacted] written on Friday Dec. 31st and the one on Sunday Jan. 2nd and I read them over carefully. I am answering each sentence. [redacted] phoned me today and is writing you tonight, he sure is deeply concerned and your friend. Just got thru talking to Dahlstrum and gave him plenty of rope to tell me about the secret he made you swear to keep about the settlement offer. However he wouldn't tell me anything. But he didn't hesitate to try to impress me with the importance of raising at least \$500.00 for depositions that must be taken immediately from doctors and witnesses in Atlanta on this. I told him that I approached [redacted] and [redacted] before on this matter and wasn't successful in getting the money and that I personally was having a rough time financially. Jack, suggested that I call [redacted] and ask him for the five hundred to be sent to Dahlstrum direct and also to tell [redacted] to send you the clothes for the trip, Jack told me to have [redacted] phone him in person and he would impress him with the importance of sending the scratch and clothes. Originally Jack asked for \$800.00 a few months ago as I wrote you before, now five will do. I just can't figure him out about this small amount of scratch that he claims is important. Between these 4 lawyers it would amount to only \$125. a piece to advance on a case that they claim is so good for a substantial settlement and they will benefit by it more than you will. I then asked Jack, whether he told you about needing the money so badly for deposition costs and he said you gave him a few names that he tried and got no place with so far, and that he still has one name to call but wouldn't tell me who that party was, so I told him I would try to see what I can do about it this week. I will call [redacted] and give him Jack's message. I was going to ask Jack, why he didn't phone [redacted] for the scratch in person, as he and she were so very friendly, but I decided against mentioning that to him, and let it drop as is.

I also asked Jack, what happened to [redacted] the crack Atlanta lawyer who was in this case before [redacted] got into it. I mentioned that [redacted] came highly recommended by [redacted] Dahlstrum worked for him as a young lawyer) and he hemmed and hawed. [redacted] is [redacted] good friend and he thought that [redacted] was the right man in Atlanta, as long as Belli was out of the case, and [redacted] would be the perfect trial lawyer with connections. Jack seemed surprised that I had contacted [redacted] and told me to leave things alone now, as [redacted] was doing a good job to date. I still have the "AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE" affidavit that you signed on August 29th. 1964 in my possession. Do you remember signing that paper??? I found it in my files today. When I asked Dahlstrum why [redacted] was dropped out, Jack did say that he thinks a lot of pressure was put on [redacted] to drop the case, who could he mean??? I received a nice letter today from [redacted] and he sent me a copy of the answer he got from [redacted] the acting Pardon Attorney and [redacted] told me he sent you a copy of this also etc.

Now in answer to your two letters: By this time you should have received both letters I wrote in the joint that were returned and I sent on to you thru [redacted] along with [redacted] letter and reasons. Don't let this come off aggravate you too much and leave it alone at this time for your own good, until we see how the civil suit comes out. I won't ask [redacted] or [redacted] anymore to do anything, so don't worry about that, I understand how you feel. As far as I am concerned I want to forget all about [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] and her trip to see you, it is no concern of mine and I guess you know how to handle that deal etc. [redacted] phoned to tell me she got her package back and I told her to send it on to [redacted]. Am glad you got so many wonderful xmas cards from [redacted] and her folks, I am sure you deserve that much for what you must have done for them in the past. [redacted] got a kick out of your thinking that she had two boys. The little one is a girl [redacted], and she is beautiful etc. My [redacted] said he sent you a card to and he will send another one, as long as you didn't get it/I had lunch with him today and he is planning on getting married in June, sends regards. I read your letter to Mom and gave her a hug and kiss and thank you for you for the money. Am glad you used good judgement in making up with Dahlstrum for the time being anyway, as under the circumstances there was nothing else you could do and he is better than nothing. Believe me, if I had the scratch to go to Atlanta, I would have a good talk with [redacted] as [redacted] thinks he is great for your matter, but as you know without money, nothing can be accomplished and I am ashamed to have to admit that I cannot raise any money for this case. I imagine that I could if I wanted to take any chances which I cannot afford to do right now. Mickey, if you make any kind of a settlement there, try to demand your medical parole along with a settlement, so you can get well again. That is more important than the settlement, as after the lawyers take their grab bag out of it and Uncle Sam takes out the Income Tax debts that they claim you still owe them as they have judgements, you will be lucky if you are left with enough to pay for the outside therapy care and treatments. Otherwise I would demand a trial be held instead of a settlement, that is if you can't get freedom and some scratch. To hell with what the lawyers are trying to get for themselves and what Uncle Sam wants now. This above information is what [redacted] suggested, as he thinks you have a great case of negligence against Uncle Sam as an ambulatory case and you should win this at all costs etc. Sorry to hear that you are having so many falls on your behind. Dahlstrum suggested that you wait for that stuff you asked for that you and [redacted] need so badly, until after the trial. I will have Jack send it to you as your attorney along with the article you mailed to him to. Will see [redacted] tomorrow about seeing [redacted] and give him your regards, he likes you, Mick. I am quite surprised at what you said about [redacted] as I thought he was in your corner. He will hear from me right after your trial and return to the joint, I won't miss any words. [redacted] only meant that if you go into court in a wheelchair, claiming that you are unable to walk or stand properly due to nervousness, it will look better in front of the U.S. Judge. Don't know what else to tell you now, but to try to do the best you can with what you have to work with and if God is with me, maybe I will be able to see you in Atlanta, I will try. We all love you and we pray for your recovery and don't worry about me or anybody now,

With love, [redacted] regards to all [redacted] Billy

(6) ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU FROM KANSAS CITY

Bufile 58-6129

KC 58-239

Enc. two letters (3 each) to MICKEY COHEN signed "HARRY"

Report dated 1/31/66

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Date: 2/8/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P
 RE: [REDACTED] ET AL
 IFPI

OO: Kansas City

Re Bureau airtel to Bureau, 2/3/66.

On 2/8/66, this case was again discussed with AUSA JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Missouri, at which time he stated he was still considering prosecution and presentment of this matter to the Federal Grand Jury, Kansas City, Missouri; however, no date has been decided upon.

Kansas City will continue to follow this matter closely.

C. C. Wick

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 2 - Kansas City

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 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/11/66

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (90-1)

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OO: Kansas City

Re Kansas City report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/31/66.

Referenced report contained a lead for Las Vegas to interview [REDACTED] in connection with favors accomplished through [REDACTED] initiation in behalf of "MICKEY" COHEN, who is presently incarcerated at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri.

For the information of the Bureau, [REDACTED] was recently interviewed by the Las Vegas Office in the case captioned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At the time of this interview this occasion was taken to question him casually concerning his knowledge of subject [REDACTED] in a case captioned [REDACTED]

It is to be noted that there is a lead presently pending for the Los Angeles Office to interview [REDACTED] inasmuch as there are indications that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are on the "outs" and there is a possibility that [REDACTED] might furnish some information concerning [REDACTED] which would be useful in a re-interview with [REDACTED] in the ITAR-Gambling case. In the interview with [REDACTED] it was developed that he was scheduled to appear in state court in Los Angeles, California, during the second week of February, 1966, and although he did not furnish the details of the crime alleged, it appeared that this was a "green goods" swindle. Spot checks of [REDACTED] residence in [REDACTED] recently indicates that he is not in town.

- 3- Bureau
- 2- Kansas City (58-239)
- 2- Los Angeles (165-187)
- 1- Las Vegas

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Special Agent in Charge

T. C. WICK

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On 2/10/66, the Las Vegas Office was in receipt of a teletype from Los Angeles in the [REDACTED] case which reflected that [REDACTED] was arrested again in Los Angeles (date not given but probably on 2/9 or 10/66), along with two other individuals being charged with "green goods" swindle. b7c

In view of the above, it is felt that the interview with [REDACTED] requested under the [REDACTED] caption, should be held in abeyance pending receipt of the results of the interview with [REDACTED] by the Las Vegas Office. b7c

Los Angeles is requested to expedite interview with [REDACTED], furnish Las Vegas results and also advise present whereabouts of [REDACTED] whether he is out on bond or is likely to make bond and results of the sentencing on the other state case he was to appear in court in Los Angeles about on 2/8/66. b7c

FBI

Date: 2/9/66

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Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P
 RE: [REDACTED] ET AL
 IFPI

OO: Kansas City

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 2/8/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and three copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. One copy of this letterhead memorandum has been disseminated to the United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri.

[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, made available the two letters that were written to him by Inmate [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] identity must be concealed because if it should become known, his life would be in dire jeopardy. The first letter written by [REDACTED] to him was anonymous; however he signed the second letter.

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 2 - Kansas City

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Approved: Kay
 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri
February 9, 1966

[REDACTED] b7c
HARRY COHEN;
MEYER HARRIS COHEN, also known as
Mickey Cohen;
[REDACTED]

IRREGULARITIES IN FEDERAL
PENAL INSTITUTION b7c b7D

On January 20, 1966, [REDACTED]
Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield,
Missouri, made available the following letters from an
inmate within the institution, in which he furnishes
substantial information regarding contraband and contraband
activities at the prison.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1cc [REDACTED]
1cc [REDACTED]
2/15/66 W.D.P./jkh

1cc [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (K.A.D.)
3/24/66 [REDACTED]

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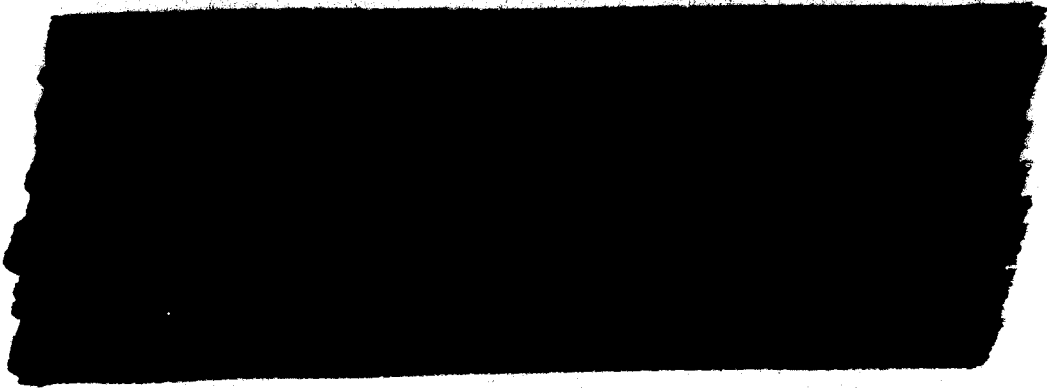
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These letters are submitted for
information purposes.

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To: SAC, Kansas City (58-239)

From: Director, FBI (58-6129)

[REDACTED] ET AL

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OO: KANSAS CITY

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As previously instructed Kansas City will give this matter preferred investigative attention. Insure that sufficient personnel is assigned to expeditiously and adequately handle leads as they develop.

By return airtel advise status of investigation and prosecution.

PAC: [REDACTED]
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Date: 3/18/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) (P)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] **b7c**
ET AL
IFPI
(OO - Kansas City)

Re Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 2/9/66.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

March 18, 1966

[REDACTED] b7c
MEYER HARRIS COHEN, also known as
Mickey Cohen:
[REDACTED]

IRREGULARITIES IN FEDERAL
PENAL INSTITUTION

[REDACTED] Money
Order Division, Post Office Department, General Accounting
Office Building, Washington, D. C., made available on
February 18, 1966, certifications of photostats of United
States Postal Money Orders, number 927,671,634 and
927,671,635. Both Postal Money Orders are in the amount
of \$100.00, payable to [REDACTED] with the purchaser shown
as Silcoe, 4129 W. Peco, Los Angeles, California, and were
purchased at Station No. 74, in Los Angeles, California, on
June 16, 1965. Both were endorsed [REDACTED] b7c

On February 14, 1966, [REDACTED]
American Federal Savings and Loan Association, East Market
Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, advised that there was
a joint savings account in that association in the names of
[REDACTED] He stated that
withdrawals of \$50.00 or more from the account were made by
[REDACTED] of \$105.00 on October 7, 1965; \$50.00 on January
4, 1966, and \$200.00 on January 21, 1966. Deposits were made
in excess of \$50.00 of \$100.00 on November 3, 1965, and
\$100.00 on December 3, 1965.

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Date: 3/24/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P

[REDACTED] ETAL
IFPI

OO: Kansas City

Re Bureau airtel 3/15/66.

Report submitted by SA [REDACTED] b7c
dated 3/23/66 which reflects investigation to the
and recent opinion of AUSA JOHN HARRY WIGGINS,
Kansas City, Mo., that he is considering presentation FGJ.

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C. C. Wick

Approved: [Signature]
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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 3-23-66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1-24-66 / 3-15-66
TITLE OF CASE [REDACTED] ET AL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY [REDACTED] per
		CHARACTER OF CASE IFPI	

REFERENCES

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 1-31-66 at Kansas City. **b7C**
 Atlanta airtels to Bureau dated 2-2-66 and 2-3-66.
 Kansas City airtel to Bureau dated 2-8-66.
 Kansas City airtel to Bureau dated 2-9-66.
 Las Vegas airtel to Bureau dated 2-11-66.
 New York airtel to Kansas City dated 2-16-66. (Interoffice)
 Las Vegas letter to Los Angeles dated 3-1-66. (Interoffice)
 Charlotte letter to Kansas City dated 3-3-66. (Interoffice)

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California:

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Report results interviews [REDACTED], HARRY
COHEN, and [REDACTED] b7c

ADMINISTRATIVE

On February 14, 1966, [REDACTED] b7c
Union National Bank, Springfield, Missouri, made available
the microfilm on which Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]
located the two postal money orders described herein.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City, Missouri

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 3-23-66

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File #: 58-239

Bureau File #: 58-6129

Title: [REDACTED] HARRY COHEN;
MEYER HARRIS COHEN;
[REDACTED]

Character: IRREGULARITIES IN FEDERAL PENAL INSTITUTION

Synopsis: Several employees of the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri heard inhalers were coming into the prison from an unknown source. In March, 1964, HARRY COHEN wrote to [REDACTED], a Correctional Officer, and offered to send [REDACTED] some pastries for administering to the needs of MICKEY COHEN within the institution. This consisted of helping him get his shower, shave, and bathroom necessities. Inmate [REDACTED] advised he warned institution personnel contraband items coming into the x-ray department. Inmate [REDACTED] uncooperative. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] copies of the above described postal money orders obtained from the Union National Bank, Springfield, Missouri. Money Orders made payable to [REDACTED] showing purchaser as Silcoe, 4129 West Pecos, Los Angeles, California, purchased June 16, 1965, in Los Angeles, California, and cashed June 17, 1965, at Main Post Office, Springfield, Missouri. [REDACTED] were shown copies of money orders and verified these were the ones sent by HARRY COHEN. She explained HARRY COHEN formerly had a business known as SILCOE INDUSTRIES. [REDACTED] advised about five months ago received letter from MICKEY COHEN, which he has destroyed, requesting financial help and requested [REDACTED] to telephone a woman in answer to his request. He furnished the name and

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telephone number of this person, but has forgotten this name. [REDACTED] did call this woman and informed her he was not in a position to help COHEN financially. [REDACTED] denied knowing or sending any money to [REDACTED] Assistant U. S. Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri presenting case Federal Grand Jury, Kansas City, Missouri.

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DETAILS

Date 2/4/661

[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, made available a letter obtained by [REDACTED] in a "shake down" of the X-Ray Department on January 15, 1966. This letter was found in a desk in the X-Ray Department, and was written by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had given the letter to [REDACTED] who works in X-Ray. [REDACTED] was to pass the letter to MICKEY COHEN, Registry Number 14738-H, who would give it to [REDACTED] for mailing. The price for smuggling one letter out was commissary articles valued at \$1.00. [REDACTED] received her pay in the form of money from COHEN's brother, and [REDACTED] received his from MICKEY COHEN in the form of outside food articles brought in by [REDACTED]

This letter, dated January 9, 1966, Springfield, Missouri, is addressed to [REDACTED] and is signed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The letter in content is innocent in nature and is not being set forth verbatim, but retained in this file.

[REDACTED] stated the letter was going to [REDACTED]

On 1/24/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239

by SA [REDACTED] : jah Date dictated 1/31/66

Date 2/8/661

[REDACTED] Nurse Supervisor, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised under oath that she has been at the prison since [REDACTED]. She has heard that inhalers were coming into the institution, but she can not recall the source of this information. She has no idea who was bringing them in, but she knows she never brought any inhalers in or took anything illegal out of the institution. She has never been approached by anyone, inmate or otherwise, to do this. She stated that she has known [REDACTED] for sometime, but she does not know her socially. She was amazed and surprised that [REDACTED] would engage in this type of activity, and throw the whole nursing department at the prison into a bad light. She has been upset about this matter since it happened, and does not know anything positive that would assist in this inquiry. b7c

On 1/26/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239

by SA [REDACTED] : jah Date dictated 2/2/66 b7c

Date 2/8/661

[REDACTED] Medical Aide, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, advised under oath that he has been employed at the Medical Center for [REDACTED] years, and he has never heard any comments that [REDACTED] was engaged in the illegal trafficking of contraband items. He personally has never been approached in any manner by any inmate along this line. He said he has a stock answer if he is approached, and that is he never brings anything in or takes anything out. b7C

[REDACTED] commented that he has heard rumors of Dristan inhalers coming into the institution and some have been found in the institution after they have been used. He does not know who was responsible for this, and to his knowledge, the institution officials never did find anything until [REDACTED] was caught with some Dristan inhalers. He stated he had nothing further to offer that would assist in this matter.

On 1/26/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239
by SA [REDACTED] : jah Date dictated 2/2/66 b7C

Date 2/8/661

[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised under oath, that he has been at the Medical Center for almost [REDACTED] years, and he has had MICKEY COHEN as a patient since October, 1963. COHEN has never approached him to do any favors for him of any kind. He said that HARRY COHEN did write him a letter in 1963, telling him that he would like to send him some pastries for the valuable help that he was rendering MICKEY. He said that this letter arrived just before Christmas of 1963, and HARRY expressed his appreciation for the good attention he was giving to his brother. He stated that he recently received a letter from HARRY COHEN requesting him to write to him, giving his opinion of MICKEY's medical progress. He took this letter to [REDACTED] Medical Center, and [REDACTED] gave him permission to answer it, which he did. b7C

He stated that he had knowledge that contraband items were being brought into the institution. This first came to his attention about December 1, 1965, and he told [REDACTED] about it. The item that he heard discussed was inhalers. An inmate named [REDACTED] told him this to let him know that this was going on and he considered [REDACTED] to be a friend. He mentioned this to [REDACTED] who apparently already knew something about it. He is sure that some of these inhalers were passed in his department, however, since he has between 40 and 60 patients, it is virtually impossible for him to police this type of operation since he is the only one in the department. b7C

He stated that he has met [REDACTED] but he has never worked with her and had no idea she was involved in illegal trafficking of contraband items. b7C

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by SA [REDACTED] : jah Date dictated 2/2/66 b7C

Date 2/8/661

[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, made available an original typed letter, postmarked March 26, 1964, Oakland, California, from HARRY COHEN, Allstate Home Improvement Company, 646 West MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland, California, addressed to [REDACTED] United States Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri. The letter is written on stationery of the Tri-Bay Construction, Inc., 646 West MacArthur, corner of Grove Street, Oakland, California, OLympic 8-6818. This letter is as follows:

"March 26th. 1964

[REDACTED]
U.S. Medical Center
Springfield, Missouri

"Dear [REDACTED]

"May I just thank you for your kindness in assisting my brother to get his Shower, Shave and Bathroom necessities. I know he is a 'BUG' for Showering often and that alone helps him to feel like a human being in his circumstances and sad condition.

"Just reading how thankful he is for your assistance, makes me feel better and lessens my constant worries about him. I would like to send you some very fine pastires for you and your family, putting you under no obligation to do him any special favors.

"Am asking for permission to do this and hope your Warden O.K.'s it.

"Sincerely

"/s/ Harry Cohen

"Harry Cohen
3806 Grove St.
Oakland, California"

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by SA [REDACTED] : jah Date dictated 2/2/66

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1Date 2-8/66 **b7c**

[REDACTED] Nurse Supervisor, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised she did not have to make a statement and that any statement she made could be used against her in a court of law. She was told she had the right to an attorney before making a statement or saying anything at all.

She advised she has been at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners for approximately [REDACTED] and normally works in the [REDACTED]. She is acquainted with [REDACTED] and has known her during the entire period she was worked at the prison. She has absolutely no information to indicate that [REDACTED] was involved in bringing in or taking out contraband items from the institution. She personally has never been approached by any inmate to do anything other than in her official line of duty. She has never participated in bringing in contraband items or taking any out. She did hear a rumor that Dristan inhalers were coming into the institution, but she had no specific information as to who was involved in this. She stated again that she never did any favors for any of the inmates, other than those normally required of a nurse. **b7c**

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by SA [REDACTED] (jah:rd) Date dictated 2/2/66 **b7c**

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[REDACTED] Inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, was interviewed, under oath, and informed that he did not have to make a statement and any statement he made could be used in a court of law against him. He was told he had the right to consult an attorney before making a statement or saying anything at all. He advised he had nothing to hide and consented to an oral interview. b7C

He admitted that he had written part of a letter addressed to [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] He described [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] at this barber shop, known to Inmate [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] commented that he only had a few individuals on his mailing list, and for this reason, he wanted to write to [REDACTED]. He stated that he believes he could have gotten this letter to [REDACTED] out of the institution as a "special purpose" letter. He admitted it was stupid of him to try to get the letter out of the institution otherwise.

[REDACTED] stated that he warned institution personnel known as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that they had better be careful in the X-Ray Department, since he had received information that contraband items were coming into the institution, and that Inmate [REDACTED] was carrying this "stuff" in his pockets. He said that [REDACTED] never got caught by the institution personnel since more often than not, he would have someone else move it for him. He is not going to mention any names, but he did think enough of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to warn them and he knew if they had a "shake down" in the X-Ray Department, they would find contraband items. He declined to discuss the nature of these contraband items and stated he had nothing further to say. b7C

On 1/28/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239

by SA [REDACTED] : jah Date dictated 2/2/66 b7C

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[REDACTED] inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, declined to be placed under oath or to furnish any information at all about this case. He declined to be interviewed.

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by SA [REDACTED] 10 :per Date dictated 2-2-66

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[REDACTED] was interviewed, under oath, and informed he did not have to make a statement, and any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was told of his right to consult counsel before making a statement or saying anything at all. He agreed to an oral interview. b7

He was informed this is a decision for the United States Attorney.

commented he does not personally know MICKEY COHEN, or HARRY COHEN.

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by SA [REDACTED] : jah Date dictated 2/8/66

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The following is a description of [REDACTED] taken
from observation and interview:

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Name
Sex
Race
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Characteristic
Occupation



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[REDACTED]

was placed under oath and advised she did not have to make a statement, and any statement she made could be used against her in a court of law. She was told she had the right to an attorney before making a statement or saying anything at all. She agreed to an oral interview.

She advised she could not specifically recall

[REDACTED]

In addition, she now recalls

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was questioned about the following letters:

1. Letter addressed "Dear Mickey", Monday night, signed [REDACTED] **b7c**
2. Letter addressed "Dear Mickey", Las Vegas, Nevada, Wednesday night, signed [REDACTED]
3. Letter addressed "Dear Mickey", Saturday morning, Las Vegas, Nevada, signed [REDACTED]

All of these letters were typed and were meant to be delivered [REDACTED] to MICKEY COHEN.

[REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] jah:rd Date dictated 2/8/66 **b7c**

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[REDACTED]

She was asked if she had ever used the name ORCHAD GABLES, and she claimed no knowledge of this name.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

She stated to her knowledge, MICKEY COHEN never called [REDACTED] or HARRY COHEN from inside the prison, since this would be virtually impossible.

[REDACTED]

She does not recall the particulars of any of these telephone calls.

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On February 8, 1966, this case was again discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Missouri, at which time he stated he was still considering prosecution and presentment of this matter to the Federal Grand Jury, Kansas City, Missouri; however, no date has been decided upon.

Q. Now, did you see the man who was shot?

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the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED]

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1Date 2/21/66 **b7c**

[REDACTED] Superintendent of Main Office Windows, Main Post Office, 870 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri, was shown two U. S. Postal Money Orders described as follows:

- 1) U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount of \$100, #927,671,635, made payable to [REDACTED] showing the purchaser's name as [REDACTED]. Money order was purchased in Los Angeles, California on June 16. It was endorsed [REDACTED] on June 17, 1965 at Springfield, Missouri. The initials [REDACTED] appear on the reverse side of the postal money order and are probably those of a postal employee who cashed same. **b7c**

- 2) U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount of \$100, #929,671,634, payable to [REDACTED] showing the purchasers name as [REDACTED]. Face of the postal money order indicates that it was purchased on June 16, 1965 at Los Angeles, California. It is endorsed [REDACTED]. The reverse side bears a post office stamp with the name Springfield, Missouri, June 17, 1965 and beneath the stamp the initials [REDACTED]. Beneath the initials Missouri drivers license number [REDACTED]. **b7c**

[REDACTED] examined the reverse side of both postal money orders and stated that both bear his initials [REDACTED] beneath the stamp indicating that they were received at Springfield, Missouri on June 17, 1965. **b7c**

On 2/15/66 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 58-239
by SA [REDACTED] : SSC Date dictated 2/19/66 **b7c**

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1Date 2/21/66

[REDACTED] Springfield, Missouri, was shown the following described U. S. Postal Money Orders: **b7c**

- 1) U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount of \$100, #927,671,635, made payable to [REDACTED] showing the purchaser's name as [REDACTED]. Money order was purchased in Los Angeles, California on June 16. It was endorsed [REDACTED] on June 17, 1965 at Springfield, Missouri. The initials [REDACTED] appear on the reverse side of the postal money order and are probably those of a postal employee who cashed same.

- 2) U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount of \$100, #929,671,634, payable to [REDACTED] showing the purchasers name as [REDACTED]. Face of the postal money order indicates that it was purchased on June 16, 1965 at Los Angeles, California. It is endorsed [REDACTED]. The reverse side bears a post office stamp with the name Springfield, Missouri, June 17, 1965, and beneath the stamp the initials [REDACTED]. Beneath the initials Missouri drivers license number [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated that these represented two money orders that were received from HARRY COHEN, Los Angeles, California. She stated that at one time Mr. COHEN had a business called "SILCOE Industries" however, she thinks that this business is now defunct. **b7c**

[REDACTED] She stated that since the postal money orders were purchased on June 16 and received in Springfield, Missouri on June 17, 1965 she feels that they did come Airmail Special Delivery [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

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Date 2/21/661

[REDACTED] Springfield, Missouri, was shown the following described U. S. Postal Money Orders: **b7c**

- 1) U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount of \$100, #927, 671, 635, made payable to [REDACTED] showing the purchaser's name as [REDACTED]

Money order was purchased in Los Angeles, California on June 16. It was endorsed [REDACTED] on June 17, 1965 at Springfield, Missouri. The initials [REDACTED] appear on the reverse side of the postal money order and are probably those of a postal employee who cashed same.

- 2) U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount of \$100, #929,671,634, payable to [REDACTED] showing the purchasers name as [REDACTED]

Face of the postal money order indicates that it was purchased on June 16, 1965 at Los Angeles, California. It is endorsed [REDACTED]

The reverse side bears a post office stamp with the name Springfield, Missouri June 17, 1965, and beneath the stamp the initials [REDACTED] Beneath the initials Missouri drivers license number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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File # _____

SA [REDACTED]

: SSC

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by _____

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On March 15, 1966, Assistant United States Attorney JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Missouri, advised he was still considering presentment of this matter to the Federal Grand Jury.

On February 2, 1966, the Atlanta Division advised as follows:

The Civil Action (number 8781) involving MEYER HARRIS COHEN vs. U.S., was heard by the Honorable Sidney O. SMITH, JR., U. S. District Court Judge, Northern District of Georgia, on January 31 and February 1, 1966. Judge SMITH has ordered briefs submitted in this matter by both parties prior to March 1, 1966, and has stated he will render a decision in this matter immediately thereafter.

On February 3, 1966, the Atlanta Division advised as follows:

On February 3, 1966, [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that subject COHEN has been transferred to the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, by airlift on that date. **b7c**

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[REDACTED] was interviewed under oath at his place of residence, [REDACTED]. At the outset of the interview, [REDACTED] was advised that he was not required to make a statement and that any statement made by him could possibly be used against him in a court of law. [REDACTED] was further advised that prior to furnishing any information, he had the right to consult an attorney or anyone else he so desired. b7C

[REDACTED] advised that he has been acquainted with MICKEY COHEN for over 35 years and first got to know COHEN when COHEN was a prize fighter in New York City. [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] explained that COHEN started writing to him shortly after COHEN was transferred to the medical prison at Springfield, Missouri. He stated that COHEN wrote to him on a basis of approximately once a month and he usually answered each one of these. [REDACTED] stated he carried on this correspondence with COHEN because he felt sorry for him in that he was in prison and had very few friends left with whom he could correspond.

[REDACTED] advised that the contents of their letter was just general information pertaining to what COHEN was undergoing in the way of treatment and what he was doing in the medical prison at Springfield, Missouri, at the particular time. [REDACTED] stated that he has none of these letters that COHEN wrote to him because he destroyed them shortly after their receipt.

[REDACTED] explained that as far as he knows, he was on COHEN's mailing list at the prison at Springfield, Missouri, and it was only because of that that COHEN and he were able to carry on this correspondence.

[REDACTED] stated that he has not written to COHEN in about four to six months, but explained that

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by SA [REDACTED] ljs Date dictated 2/14/66 b7C

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approximately five months ago he received a letter from COHEN from the prison at Springfield, Missouri, wherein COHEN requested that [REDACTED] furnish him some financial aid, the purpose of which [REDACTED] was unable to recall. He stated in this regard COHEN instructed that [REDACTED] should telephonically contact a woman whose name he furnished him along with her telephone number. COHEN stated in the letters to [REDACTED] that this woman was a friend of his, but did not furnish any further description of their association. b7c

[REDACTED] stated that about four or five days after receiving the above letter he telephonically contacted this woman in Missouri and told her that he was not in a position to give any financial assistance to COHEN. He advised that he did not at that time or at any other time furnish any money to COHEN for any purpose whatsoever. He further stated that the above instance was the only time that COHEN ever requested that he send him money. [REDACTED] stated that he was not acquainted with [REDACTED] nor could he recall the name of the woman he contacted by telephone at COHEN's request. He stated that he knew nothing concerning any association between COHEN and [REDACTED] nor was he aware that she had smuggled letters out of the prison for COHEN. He again stated that as far as his correspondence with COHEN was concerned, he understood it to be completely within the rules and regulations of the prison since he was one of the individuals on COHEN's regular mailing list. b7c

[REDACTED] advised that he sent a Christmas card to COHEN last year and received a letter from him approximately two months ago. He explained that he had discontinued his correspondence with COHEN and does not expect that he will hear from him in the near future. b7c

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On March 1, 1966, the Las Vegas Division advised **b7c**
as follows:

An article appearing in the Las Vegas, Nevada "Sun",
a daily newspaper, on February 14, 1966, reflects that
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] began jail sentences on pleas of guilty
to a scheme involving a "chemical money making machine".
The article stated that [REDACTED] was fined \$4,500 and jailed
for six months and [REDACTED] was fined \$2,500 and jailed
for four months.

On March 3, 1966, the Charlotte Division advised **b7c**
as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at her home and was advised that she did not have to make any statement, that any statement she did make could be used against her in a court of law, and that she could consult with an attorney or anyone else before making any statement at all. b7C

[REDACTED] stated she knew no one by the name of [REDACTED] had not sent any money to anyone in Springfield, Missouri at any time for any car of [REDACTED] who was in the Springfield Hospital for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri. She stated that about a month or so ago, she had sent \$100 in cash to [REDACTED] addressed specifically to him, at the hospital, but he had returned the money with no explanation for his refusal to accept it, but with instructions for her to put it in the bank for him. She stated he had not actually requested this money but she had sent it to him for any need that he might have for it. [REDACTED] specifically denied sending any money to [REDACTED] and again stated that she knew no one by this name. b7C

[REDACTED] made available two letters written to her by [REDACTED] and postmarked January 5 and 15 respectively, which she stated need not be returned. b7C

On 2/10/66 at Greensboro, N. C.KC 58-239
File # CE 58-161by SA [REDACTED] espDate dictated 2/17/66 b7C

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 3/25/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/11/66 - 3/14/66
TITLE OF CASE [REDACTED] ET AL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY maw
		CHARACTER OF CASE IFPI	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/31/66
at Kansas City.
Las Vegas letter to Los Angeles dated 3/1/66.

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Date: 3/25/66

Office: Los Angeles, California

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Title: [REDACTED] ET AL

Character: IRREGULARITIES IN FEDERAL PENAL INSTITUTION

Synopsis:

HARRY COHEN, brother of MICKEY COHEN, stated that he typed two letters dated 12/7/65 and 1/10/66 and both letters were sent by him to a [REDACTED] for transmittal to MICKEY. After viewing Postal Money Order Number 927671634 and Number 927671635, stated these two money orders were evidently purchased by him and if sent to [REDACTED] they were to pay for merchandise purchased for MICKEY.

[REDACTED] advised that Orchard Gables is a convalescent home where [REDACTED] MICKEY was staying at one time, and that she does not know anyone by the name of ORCHARD GABLES. [REDACTED] advised that he sent three letters to a [REDACTED] (LNU) at [REDACTED]. He advised that he does not know who gave him this address and stated that he was on MICKEY COHEN's mailing-list at the Springfield Medical Center and it was not necessary to send these letters to [REDACTED] since contents of the letters would have passed the Medical Center Censors.

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DETAILS:

On February 11, and February 23, 1966, attempts were made to contact HARRY COHEN at 1160 South Hudson with

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negative results. On February 23, 1966, an individual who identified himself as the [REDACTED] of MICKEY COHEN, but who would not furnish his name, advised SA [REDACTED] that he would contact HARRY COHEN and have him telephone the FBI Office in Los Angeles. b7c

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HARRY COHEN, 1847 Wyomia Avenue, Apartment 307, appeared at the FBI Office, Los Angeles, California, and was advised that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement made could be used against him in a court of law. He was told that any information he furnished must be voluntary and that he has the right to consult an attorney before furnishing any information.

He stated that MICKEY COHEN, who is presently confined in prison in Atlanta, Georgia, awaiting trial on a Federal Tort Claims Act matter is his brother and that as soon as the trial is concluded he anticipates that MICKEY will return to the Springfield Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri. He stated that he recalls that an individual returned to Los Angeles who had been visiting a relative in the Springfield Medical Center and they telephonically contacted him and told him that if he desired to write anything confidential to MICKEY that he should send it [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] He stated that he recalls writing at least two letters to MICKEY and sending them [REDACTED] and he assumes that they were delivered [REDACTED]. He was of the opinion that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and did not know her first name. He also recalls that he received at least one letter from MICKEY asking him to send money to him. He stated that he does not recall if this letter from MICKEY told him to send the money to [REDACTED] but does not believe it did. b7C

He was exhibited two letters, one dated December 7, 1965 and one dated January 10, 1966, and he stated that both of these letters were typed by him and that evidently he sent them to [REDACTED] for transmittal to MICKEY, his brother. He continued by stating that he does not recall ever sending any money to [REDACTED] for transmittal to MICKEY and does not believe he did send any money inasmuch as it is his recollection during this period of time he was not in a financial position to do so. He advised that if two money orders were sent to [REDACTED] by Selcoe Company at 4129 West Pico

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On 2/28/66 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 58-606

by SAA [REDACTED] Date dictated 3/3/66 b7C

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that these money orders would have had to be purchased by him and if he could see the money orders he could state definitely one way or the other. **b7c**

He stated that he recalls receiving a couple of telephone calls from [REDACTED] at which time she furnished him information regarding MICKEY's health. He stated he does believe that on one occasion he sent her a twenty dollar bill to buy things for MICKEY. He pointed out that it is possible that he could have sent the money orders and that if he did send them to [REDACTED] that they were sent to her to repay her for things that she had bought for MICKEY. He stated that he did not at any time attempt to bribe her and did not know that MICKEY was not permitted to buy hair oil and other similar items.

He commented that MICKEY is a "nut on cleanness" and that it has always been MICKEY's habit to wash himself two or three times a day and change pajamas at least twice a day if he were sick. He cited the following stating that this was the type of individual that MICKEY is:

He stated he recalls that he and MICKEY were playing a friendly game of cards and that after the cards were dealt three or four times MICKEY would tear up the deck, go wash his hands and obtain a brand new deck of cards. He stated he is quite sure that if MICKEY requested [REDACTED] to obtain any items for him it was because of his cleanness. **b7c**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 3/8/66

HARRY COHEN, 1847 Wyoinia Avenue, Apartment 307, appeared at the FBI Office, Los Angeles, California, and was again advised that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement made could be used against him in a court of law. He was told that any information he furnished must be voluntary and that he has the right to consult an attorney before furnishing any information. b7c

Photostat copies of postal money order 927671634 to [REDACTED] from Selcoe, 4129 West Pico, Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$100.00 and postal money order 927671635 with the same address as the previous money order were exhibited to HARRY COHEN and he stated that these evidently were purchased by him since the writing appearing on the money orders appears to have been written by him. He stated that the only reason that he would have sent [REDACTED] any money was to pay for merchandise purchased by [REDACTED] for MICKEY COHEN, his brother.

He stated that he still does not recall where he obtained the \$200.00 to purchase the money orders and does not recall purchasing them but evidently he did so since the writing on the money orders is his writing.

In regards to a nurse by the name of ORCHARD GABLES, he stated that this is not a nurse but the name of a convalescent home in Los Angeles, California, where MICKEY [REDACTED] previously stayed. He advised that [REDACTED] who is a nurse and is on the mailing list of MICKEY at the Springfield Medical Center, [REDACTED] evidently she furnished [REDACTED] information concerning MICKEY's health. b7c

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On 3/4/66 at Los Angeles, California File # 58-606

by SAA [REDACTED] mmw Date dictated 3/8/66 b7c

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1Date 3/8/66 **b7c**

[REDACTED] telephonically advised that she is presently employed and does not desire that she be contacted at her home or at her place of employment. She stated that she would not furnish her address but that any contacts with her could be arranged through her mother who resides at [REDACTED]

She stated that she does not know any one by the name of ORCHARD GABLES and that the only Orchard Gables that she knows is a convalescent home on the corner of Fountain and Wilcox, Los Angeles, California, and is a convalescent home where MICKEY was staying at one time. She stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] has visited MICKEY and writes to him. She stated that she does not recall specifically the letter dated March 15, and does not believe she referred to a nurse as ORCHARD GABLES [REDACTED]

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On 3/4/66 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 58-606

by SAA [REDACTED] mmw Date dictated 3/8/66 **b7c**

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Date March 24, 1966 **b7c**

[REDACTED] was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to say anything and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that he has the right to consult an attorney before saying anything.

[REDACTED] stated that on February 11, 1966, he was sentenced in Los Angeles County Court to serve a period of six months and fined \$4,500 for violation of the statute which prohibits confidence schemes. He was trying to sell an individual a machine that produces counterfeit money and that the individual to whom he was trying to "con" turned out to be a member of the Los Angeles City Police Department.

In regards to MICKEY COHEN he stated that MICKEY was formerly dating a girl by the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He first met COHEN through [REDACTED] some time just prior to MICKEY's income tax case in Los Angeles. He estimated that he has seen COHEN on four or five occasions and recalls having dinner with COHEN one time in Los Angeles, California. He stated that after COHEN was confined to the Medical Center in Springfield, he [REDACTED] was placed on the correspondence list of COHEN and he has communicated with COHEN on numerous occasions. He stated he sent three \$50.00 money orders to COHEN at the Medical Center.

[REDACTED] was shown a typed letter bearing notation in upper left hand corner as follows:

"Saturday Morning, [REDACTED]" and addressed to "Dear Mickey", and signed [REDACTED]

He was also shown two other typed letters bearing notation "Monday night" in the upper left hand corner on one letter and the other letter bears notation [REDACTED] "Wednesday Night" in the upper left hand corner. Both letters were signed [REDACTED] and addressed to "Dear Mickey". He

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On 3/14/66 at Saugus, California File # Los Angeles 58-606

by SA [REDACTED] (A) and
SA [REDACTED] (A)/max

Date dictated 3/17/66 **b7c**

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stated that all three of these letters were prepared by him
and was sent to someone by the name of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] number unrecalled and to the town of [REDACTED]

He advised that he does not recall the last name
of [REDACTED] and does not know where he obtained her name or
her address. He stated that he does not know why he wrote
COHEN these letters and then sent them to [REDACTED] to give to
MICKEY inasmuch as he is on COHEN's mailing list at the
Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri. He pointed out that
it was quite obvious that the contents of the three letters
that he wrote would have passed the censors at the Medical
Center and there was no reason for him to send these letters
to [REDACTED]

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Date: 4/12/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL - AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P

[REDACTED]
ETAL;
IFPI

OO: KANSAS CITY

Re Bureau airtel to Kansas City, 4/6/66, and
Kansas City report of SA [REDACTED] 3/23/66.[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were
advised of their constitutional rights and this inadvertently
omitted from the FD-302s. Corrected FD-302s enclosed
for Bureau and Los Angeles. Kansas City copies corrected, and
U. S. Attorney advised by letter.ENCLOSURE
24 - Bureau (Encs. 6) *inc. inc. 58-6129-5*
2 - Los Angeles (58-606) (Encs. 4) *per Pac 1/14/66*
2 - Kansas City
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Approved: *Kay*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M _____

April 6, 1966

Airtel

1 - [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Kansas City (58-239)
From: Director, FBI (58-6129)
Subject: [REDACTED], ET AL
IFPI

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7m/ Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/23/66 at
Kansas City.

Interview report forms in referenced report containing
the interviews of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
do not indicate either interviewee was advised of their
Constitutional rights.

By return airtel advise if interviewees were
advised of their Constitutional rights.

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Date: 5/24/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129) **b7C**FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P , ETAL
IFPI

Kansas City - 00

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau dated 4/12/66.

On 5/23/66, AUSA JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Missouri, advised he intends to present this case to the Federal Grand Jury in Kansas City, Missouri, sometime during the month of June, 1966. He stated he has recently returned from Washington, D. C., at which time he had occasion to discuss the merits of this case with the Department of Justice. He related it is a good case; however, some reservations were expressed since COHEN had recently been awarded \$110,000.00 in an FTCA case in Atlanta, Ga., and prosecution in this matter may be interpreted as a personal vendetta. **W**

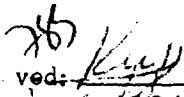
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Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

1 - [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Kansas City (58-239)

From: Director, FBI (58-6129)

[REDACTED], ET AL.
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ReKCairtel to the Director 5-24-66.

By return airtel advise outcome of grand jury
action June, 1966.

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NOTE: This case involves the notorious Mickey Cohen
and has received considerable publicity. It involves the
introduction of contraband into the Federal Penal Institu-
tion, Springfield, Missouri. We have been pressing for
prosecution and following this matter closely.

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Date: 7/18/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P
[REDACTED]; ET AL
IFPI

Re Bureau airtel 7/14/66.

On 7/18/66, AUSA JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Missouri, advised ASAC CHARLES J. HENRY that subpoenas have been issued to witnesses to appear before the FGJ at Kansas City, Missouri, 7/20/66. AUSA WIGGINS stated that due to airline strike, out-of-state witnesses not being compelled to appear and indictment will not be requested at this time. States intends to get all information from "local" witnesses on the record at this time and will request appearance of out-of-state witnesses when transportation is available and will request indictment subsequent to their appearances.

This matter is being closely followed by Kansas City.

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3 - Bureau
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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 7/21/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P
[REDACTED] ET AL
IFPI

Re Kansas City airtel 7/18/66.

AUSA JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Missouri,
advised witnesses not called before Federal Grand Jury
7/20/66. Now contemplates presenting matter to Federal
Grand Jury at Springfield, Missouri, 8/3/66.

This matter is being closely followed by Kansas
City.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Date: 8/12/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

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AIRMAIL

Via _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) (P)
RE: [REDACTED]
ET AL
IFPI

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Re Kansas City airtel, dated 7/21/66.

Testimony in this case was heard by FGJ,
Springfield, Mo., 8/3/66. Subpoenas had been issued
for [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] inmates and former inmates of the Medical Center
for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Mo. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of Springfield, Mo., were subpoenaed and
testified. No indictments were returned.

On 8/10/66, AUSA JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas
City, Mo., advised he has ordered a transcript of the
testimony and additional testimony will be heard at a
later date. "MICKEY" COHEN, HARRY COHEN, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] did not appear. The current
airline strike prevented their appearance at this time.
"MICKEY" COHEN remains confined at the Medical Center,
however, WIGGINS did not call him before the FGJ.

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Bureau will be advised of subsequent developments.

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Approved: [Signature]

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Date: 9/27/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) (P)
RE: [REDACTED]
ET AL
IFPI

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OO: KANSAS CITY

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, dated 8/12/66.

On 9/26/66, AUSA JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Mo., advised additional testimony will be heard in this case by the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Mo., sometime in October, 1966, exact date unknown. No action has been taken on this case since referenced airtel.

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2-Kansas City
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C. C. WICK

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Date: 11-14-66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (70-43018)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (70-3298) P

RE: [REDACTED] b7C
DON L. LINCECUM - VICTIM
CGR - MURDER

OO: Kansas City

Re Bureau airtel dated 10-20-66.

Bureau's attention is directed to the case entitled
[REDACTED] ETAL; IFPI", KC file 58-239, Bufile 58-6129
office of origin Kansas City. b7C

Information contained in the letter of [REDACTED]
overlaps captioned case and the above referenced matter.

On 11-2-66, [REDACTED] appeared at the Springfield
Resident Agency for a pre-arranged interview. He stated he felt
like a "traitor" by going to Congressman DURWARD G. HALL with the
information he put in a typewritten report for HALL's information.
He acknowledged that much of what was included in the letter
was rumor not substantiated by fact. b7C

In discussing his typewritten two-page note, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Special Agent in Charge

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With regard to the murder of DON L. LINCECUM, the initial report in this case dated 5-17-66 at Kansas City by SA [REDACTED] states the first suspect interviewed was [REDACTED] because the prison knew of hard feelings between the victim and [REDACTED]. The men were housed in the same unit and perhaps they should have been separated; however, both men indicated when interviewed by prison personnel that they could get along. [REDACTED] was also assigned to the same unit but the investigation showed there was no ill feeling between [REDACTED] and LINCECUM until the day of the stabbing. [REDACTED] may be correct that memoranda were written after the [REDACTED] fight recommending security precautions be taken to protect [REDACTED] from becoming involved in other disturbances. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were permitted to continue living on the same ward after they assured officers there were no hard feelings and all was forgiven.

b7c

The investigation in the murder case never produced any evidence from any source that it had any connection with the smuggling case. It is believed the report in the murder case documents accurately from several sources that ill feeling developed the day of the murder between victim and [REDACTED] and that this rather than smuggling, as [REDACTED] indicates, prompted the stabbing.

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The last paragraph on Page 1 of [REDACTED] letter, which he repeated during the interview, is well known. [REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners at Springfield, Missouri, has expressed some concern that they have within the institution some employee or employees who call the press whenever anything happens in the institution which is, in his opinion, institution business and not for press purposes. [REDACTED] has advised SA [REDACTED] that he did put out a memorandum that he was responsible for making press releases or giving his approval for such a release. During the investigation of the contraband case some employee called the press and he was besieged with inquiries because the name of MICKEY COHEN was mentioned as being possibly involved. He did not put out his policy memorandum until much later following several other "leaks" to the press in matters unrelated to the contents of the [REDACTED] letter.

In this same paragraph, [REDACTED] mentioned Mr. COHEN, [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED]. Some testimony has already been heard by a Federal Grand Jury in Springfield, Missouri, in the contraband case. COHEN and [REDACTED] are subjects in this case. Additional witnesses are to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in the contraband case and no indictments have been returned. [REDACTED] and several others have already testified before the Grand Jury.

The information on Page 2 of [REDACTED] communication, Paragraphs 1 and 2 pertaining to inmate [REDACTED] and Mr. COHEN is set forth in the report on the contraband case. [REDACTED] did not produce anything that is new in this regard nor could he elaborate in his oral interview. He had no specific information that inmate [REDACTED] was involved in contraband matters here. It is general knowledge within the prison that [REDACTED] was involved in illegal activities while confined on the East Coast. This received wide publicity.

The Director at the Medical Center did inform the news media that nuisance contraband was coming into the institution but this did not include narcotics or drugs of any kind. This was done because the press wanted a list of items involved. The report in the IFPI case spells out that [REDACTED] did bring in a number of Dristan inhalers. [REDACTED] talked about this in Paragraph 2 of Page 2 of his letter. Most of the other items brought in were in the food line and were referred to by the Director at the prison as nuisance contraband.

Within the prison MICKEY COHEN is well regarded and respected by many of the inmate populace. As it is with inmates of COHEN's ilk the atmosphere exists where the word is he will get anyone who crosses him. As the Bureau is aware he is paralyzed from the waist down and incapable of physical harm to anyone in his present condition.

The work-release program is an administrative procedure within the institution and the Bureau cannot interject itself into this program without possible criticism from the Bureau of Prisons. To date there have not been any inmates released under this program who have become fugitives under the Escaped Federal Prisoner statute.

[REDACTED] indicated [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] may have information regarding employees involved in illegal activities.

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[REDACTED] has seen a list of these employees prepared by [REDACTED] does not want any of the above to know, he has mentioned their names since he feels like a traitor.

UACB, employees mentioned by [REDACTED] will be interviewed in KC 58-239, to see if they have any information of pertinence to furnish.

FBI

Date: 11/22/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Wick	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) (P)

RE: [REDACTED]
ET AL
IFPI

OO: KANSAS CITY

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, dated
9/27/66.

On 11/14/66, this case was again discussed with AUSA JOHN HARRY WIGGINS. Mr. WIGGINS intends to present additional testimony before the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City before the current Grand Jury is discharged. He commented an Anti-Trust case is currently being presented and consuming considerable time. No testimony has been presented in this case since the Federal Grand Jury convened at Springfield, Mo., in August, 1966.

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C. C. Wick

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

11-17-66

Airtel

1 - [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Kansas City (70-3298)

From: Director, FBI (70-43018)

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[REDACTED]
DON E. LINCOLN - VICTIM
CRIME ON GOVERNMENT RESERVATION -
MURDER

b7c

ReKCairtel 11-14-66.

Your reply to Bureau airtel of 10-20-66 is not completely responsive. Specifically, your interview with [REDACTED] does little to clarify or furnish details concerning the numerous allegations made by [REDACTED] not only concerning the administration of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas but possible violations of Federal law over which the FBI exercises jurisdiction.

While [REDACTED] desires that his identity be kept confidential, he has furnished information of a derogatory nature concerning the administration of the penitentiary and employees of the Federal Government. As you are aware, this information must be made a matter of record and must be properly disseminated to interested agencies, including the Bureau of Prisons. The following items should be given your immediate consideration.

(1) It is alleged that an inmate (FNU) [REDACTED] is dealing in contraband. It is alleged he made written record of the fact and this information was known to prison officials. This matter must be immediately resolved and if appropriate, a new IFPI case opened.

(2) [REDACTED] alleges that there was mishandling, from an administrative standpoint of the case involving the murder

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Airtel to SAC, Kansas City
Re: [REDACTED] b7c

of [REDACTED], your file 70-3298, in that a prison employee wrote a memorandum warning of the psychotic condition of the subject. This information should be set forth in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

(3) [REDACTED] alleges that a prison employee, several years ago, found letters indicating that an inmate was running an outside business from inside the penitentiary. This also constitutes a possible IFPI violation provided there was illegal contraband. b7c

(4) It is alleged that a [REDACTED] had information concerning illegal dealings between prison employees and inmates. This must be resolved. b7c

(5) It is alleged that [REDACTED] was involved in smuggling activities but was allowed to resign. This too constitutes a possible IFPI violation.

(6) [REDACTED] alleges that previous information relative to a 1959 riot at Leavenworth was made the subject of a memorandum which was allegedly ignored. This information too must be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form.

(7) Comments relative to the work release program at Leavenworth Penitentiary should likewise be made a matter of record for dissemination.

The opinions of the Kansas City Office should not, of course, be incorporated in any memorandum prepared relative to this situation, however, immediate steps must be taken to pin down [REDACTED] as to the basis for his allegations in order that any dissemination may be documented for proper evaluation. This matter should be expedited in view of the Congressional interest and the Bureau advised of developments within ten days of receipt of this communication.

NOTE: Congressman Durward G. Hall, Rep - Missouri, furnished information to Crime Records which he had received from [REDACTED] a prison employee, relative to certain irregularities at Leavenworth Penitentiary. At first [REDACTED] did not want his identity known but he eventually consented to be interviewed by Bureau Agents. Information furnished by Kansas City does not specifically pin down his allegations nor does it appear Kansas City recognizes the necessity for running out allegations as basically as they may seem. Accordingly, this letter is being dispatched, instructing expeditious attention.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

DATE: 12/21/66

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) -P-

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ETAL
IFPI

OO: Kansas City

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, dated November 22, 1966.

For information of the Bureau, MICKEY COHEN was denied a parole on November 30, 1966, by the Parole Board and he will be reconsidered next year. The local newspaper at Springfield, Missouri, "Springfield Leader-Press", the evening edition of December 9, 1966 commented as follows, "Cohen's brother meanwhile has claimed at Los Angeles that letters written by the inmate which were critical of prison conditions prejudiced his parole bid. Harry Cohen, 64, said the Government parole board recently told his brother that 'your attention is called to the fact that any misconduct or violation of the rules of the institution may cause reconsideration of any favorable action.' He said he understood that to mean 'misconduct for having written letters to newspapers and individuals rapping prison conditions.' The inmate's brother said some of the letters were smuggled uncensored from the Medical Center here by a nurse. He added that the nurse's action had been discovered and she recently was discharged."

On December 9, 1966 [REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, advised he had received a call from Radio Station KLAC, Los Angeles from an individual identifying himself as [REDACTED]

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 - 1 - Los Angeles (58-606) (Info)
 - 2 - Kansas City
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He was told that HARRY COHEN had been on the air over this station on December 9, 1966, and made statements that the conditions at the Medical Center were intolerable. He complained of homosexuality, harrassment, poor quality medical care and treatment, brutality, and that the contraband letters involving COHEN was the main reason parole was denied. [REDACTED] was asked to comment on the above and his remarks would be recorded. [REDACTED] cleared with the Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D. C. and then told the station that the parole denial was a decision of the parole board. He refused to comment on the various allegations made by HARRY COHEN. **b7c**

On December 12, 1966, Assistant U. S. Attorney JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Missouri, advised he plans to present additional testimony to the Federal Grand Jury in January, 1967. Mr. WIGGINS was orally advised of the contents of this communication.

The above is for information of the Bureau and Los Angeles.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

DATE: 1/20/67

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) -P-

SUBJECT:

ET AL
IFPI

(OO Kansas City)

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau, 12/21/66.

On 1/18/67, the merits of this case were again discussed with AUSA JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. WIGGINS advised that on 1/3/67, he sent his file on this matter to the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C., for a review and for their opinion as to what action, if any, should be taken in this matter.

He stated he will advise as soon as he receives a response from the Department of Justice.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

DATE: 3/3/67

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P

SUBJECT:

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(OO Kansas City)

Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau dated 1/20/67.

On February 15, 1967, JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Assistant United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, was contacted by SA [REDACTED] at which time Mr. WIGGINS stated he had not as yet received a response from the Department in Washington, D. C., with regard to captioned matter.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

DATE: 4/7/67

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) -P-

SUBJECT:

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OO: Kansas City

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau, dated March 3, 1967.

On March 28, 1967, Assistant U. S. Attorney JOHN HARRY WIGGINS, Kansas City, Missouri, advised he is leaving the United States Attorney's Office for the position of State Liquor Control Agent, Jefferson City, Missouri and March 31, 1967 is his last work day. He stated he has received no word from the Department in Washington, D. C. relative to this case, which will now be assigned to a new Assistant TONY NUGENT. Mr. NUGENT comes to this job from the Attorney General's Office in Washington, D. C.

Kansas City will establish contact with NUGENT and try to resolve this case which has been pending for some time.

2 - Bureau
2 - Kansas City
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (58-6129)

DATE: 5/31/67

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (58-239) P

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau dated 4/7/67.

On 5/3/67, Mr. TONY NUGENT, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, advised he has received a note from the Department stating the final decision in this matter will be left to their office. He stated he will advise what action, if any, he plans to take before the end of May, 1967.

On 5/25/67, Mr. NUGENT was recontacted at which time he stated he had decided to take no further action in this case and to close his file; however, he will have to obtain the approval of Assistant U. S. Attorney CALVIN K. HAMILTON first. He will have a final answer by 5/31/67 and requested he be telephonically contacted on that date.

Bureau will be advised of final decision.

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JUN 3 1967

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

DATE: 6/8/67

FROM : *Kwl*
SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
ETAL
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OO KC

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Re Kansas City letter to Bureau, 5/31/67.

On May 31, 1967, Mr. TONY NUGENT, AUSA, Kansas City, Missouri, telephonically advised he has talked this case over with the Chief Assistant U. S. Attorney, CALVIN K. HAMILTON, and has reviewed some of the Grand Jury testimony that has been recorded. He has now decided to pursue this matter as it relates to MICKEY COHEN for further testimony before a FGJ. He does not contemplate taking any prosecutive action against the nurse, [REDACTED] but believes COHEN should be prosecuted. It will take him at least one month to review the remainder of the FGJ testimony and to make his plans regarding future FGJ action.

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He will be contacted in one month for further developments.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

DATE: July 18, 1967

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) -P-*

SUBJECT:

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ETAL;
IFPI

(OO-Kansas City)

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau, dated 6/8/67.

On July 11, 1967, Mr. TONY NUGENT, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that a Federal Grand Jury will be convened around the middle of September, 1967, and he plans to present additional testimony at this Session. He stated vacation schedules in his office would preclude earlier Federal Grand Jury action.

Accordingly this case is being placed in a Pending Inactive Status until September 15, 1967.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

DATE: 9/22/67

FROM : *RCA* SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P#

SUBJECT:

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OO KC

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Re Kansas City letter to Bureau dated 7/18/67.

On 8/30/67 AUSA TONY NUGENT, Kansas City, Missouri, advised it would be late October or November, 1967 before he will have an opportunity to present additional facts to a FGJ.

Accordingly, this case is being continued in a P* status until 11/1/67.

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2 Kansas City
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)

DATE: 11/30/67

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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OO KC

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Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau, dated 9/22/67.

On November 22, 1967, this case was again discussed with AUSA TONY NUGENT, Kansas City, Missouri at which time he stated a new FGJ will be empanelled on December 3, 1967 and captioned matter is scheduled to be presented sometime during the month of December 1967.

Kansas City will follow.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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C. J. [unclear]
Jan 5 1968

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Date: 1/8/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6129)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (58-239) P

ET AL
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OO: KANSAS CITY

Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau 11/30/67.

AUSA ANTHONY P. NUGENT, JR., Kansas City, Missouri, furnished this office a copy of a letter dated 1/5/68, to CARL W. BELCHER, Chief, General Crimes Section, Department of Justice, in which it is stated, "In view of the age of the proposed case against Mickey Cohen as well as other problems connected with the case, after staff conference we have decided to decline prosecution and close our file."

Closing report being submitted.

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22 JAN 10 1968

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 1/12/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/10/68
TITLE OF CASE [REDACTED] ET AL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY rmb
		CHARACTER OF CASE IFPI	

REFERENCE:

Kansas City airtel to the Bureau dated 1/8/68.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None						ACQUIT- TALS
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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City, Missouri **b7c**

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: KANSAS CITY

Date:

January 12, 1968

Field Office File #:

58-239

Bureau File #: 58-6129

Title:

[REDACTED]
ET AL

Character:

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Synopsis:

AUSA, Kansas City, Missouri, declined prosecution.

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DETAILS:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

By letter dated January 5, 1968, Assistant United States Attorney ANTHONY P. NUGENT, JR., reported that in view of the age of the proposed case against MICKEY COHEN as well as other problems, after staff conference it has been decided to decline prosecution. The above letter was directed to CARL W. BELCHER, Chief, General Crimes Section, Department of Justice.

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI: **b7c**

On January 10, 1968, [REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, was advised of the above opinion and the fact the U. S. Attorney had sent a copy of his letter of declination to [REDACTED] Legal Counsel, Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D. C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: MEYER HARRIS COHEN

FILE #120-HQ-7539

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ATLANTA (UPI)--MICKEY COHEN'S LAWYERS TRIED TO GET THE CONVICTED RACKETEER'S \$10 MILLION DAMAGE SUIT REVIVED IN FEDERAL COURT THURSDAY ON GROUNDS THAT GOVERNMENT WITNESSES EITHER WITHHELD EVIDENCE OR COMMITTED PERJURY.

U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE SIDNEY O. SMITH TOOK THE ARGUMENT UNDER ADVISEMENT, PUTTING IT IN THE SAME CATEGORY WITH THE MAIN CASE WHICH HE HEARD EARLIER THIS YEAR.

COHEN ARGUES THAT NEGLIGENCE BY PRISON PERSONNEL RESULTED IN HIS BEATING BY A PRISONER AT THE ATLANTA U. S. PENITENTIARY.

ONE OF COHEN'S LAWYERS, PUT A SERIES OF WITNESSES ON THE STAND IN AN EFFORT TO SHOW THAT SEVERAL PRISONERS HAD "GONE OVER THE WALL" OF AN INTERNAL SECURITY BUILDING WITHIN THE PRISON.

ONE OF THE PRISONERS WHO MADE A BREAK OVER A WALL OF THE INNER BUILDING, TOLD THE COURT HIS ACTION WAS KNOWN AT THE PRISON AND THAT AN OFFICER FOUND HIM IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL. HE SAID HIS NEED FOR HOSPITALIZATION CAUSED HIM TO MAKE THE BREAK.

WHO WAS AT THE PENITENTIARY AT THE TIME OF THE BREAKOUT, TESTIFIED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE ACTION UNTIL HE READ ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPERS RECENTLY AND RECHECKED THE PRISON LOGS.

SAID SUCH A BREAK INSIDE THE PRISON WOULD BE REGARDED AS A MINOR INCIDENT "COMPARED WITH ALL THE THINGS THAT GO ON".

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ATLANTA	DATE 3/24/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/21 - 23/66 b7C
TITLE OF CASE MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY /rlw
		CHARACTER OF CASE FTCA b7C	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED], Atlanta, 12/29/65;
Report of SA [REDACTED], Los Angeles, 3/16/66,
in case entitled "MICHAEL COHEN, aka.; AFA;
(OO: LOS ANGELES)."

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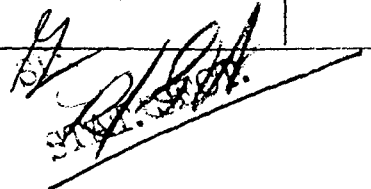
ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and Los Angeles is one (1) copy each of the decision of SIDNEY O. SMITH, USDCJ, NDGA, Atlanta, Ga., in Civil Action 8789, involving MEYER HARRIS COHEN vs. U. S.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Case has been: Pending over one year Yes; Pending prosecution over six mont

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Transm. in Room to Mr. [REDACTED]
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Date: 2/20/64

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (120-New) (P)

SUBJECT: ~~MAYER HARRIS COHEN, aka~~
~~Mickey Cohen, Michael Cohen~~
 vs. UNITED STATES
 FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

As the Bureau is aware from national press releases, subject COHEN has filed suit in the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, on 2/17/64, against U. S. Government as a result of personal injuries received by him when assaulted by inmate [REDACTED] at which time COHEN suffered severe fracture of the skull. He now alleges serious and permanent injuries and claims to be paralyzed from the waist down.

On 2/19/64, AUSA, GUS L. WOOD, III, NDGA, Atlanta, advised SA [REDACTED] that his office was served the notice of this suit on 2/18/64. Mr. WOOD desires that any agent who may be contacted by representatives of COHEN or COHEN's attorney furnish no information and that all such inquiries be referred to the office of USA, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. WOOD has not as yet requested any investigation by the Atlanta Division; however, this case is being opened and will be carried in Atlanta Division in anticipation of request for investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ATLANTA	DATE 4/28/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/19/64 - 4/21/64
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka Mickey Cohen, Michael Cohen		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY /ldo
		CHARACTER OF CASE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT	

Title marked changed to show correct spelling of subject as MEYER HARRIS COHEN, rather than MAYER HARRIS COHEN, as previously carried.

REFERENCE:

Atlanta letter to Bureau dated 2/20/64.

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Will maintain contact with USA's Office for any further pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Atlanta, Georgia

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: April 28, 1964

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

Field Office File No.: 120-202

Bureau File No.:

Title: MEYER HARRIS COHEN

Character: FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

Synopsis: Suit filed against United States in USDC, Atlanta, 2/17/64, by MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka MICKEY COHEN, demanding judgement of \$10,000,000 for injuries sustained as a result of being struck on the head by a fellow inmate while confined at USP, Atlanta.

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DETAILS:AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

On February 19, 1964, Assistant United States Attorney GUS L. WOOD, III, informed SA [REDACTED] that his office was served notice on February 18, 1964, of the filing of a suit against the United States on February 17, 1964, by MICKEY COHEN, also known as MICHAEL COHEN, as the result of injuries sustained by COHEN while an inmate at U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta. Investigation had previously been conducted by the FBI in connection with the attack upon COHEN out of which the injuries arose and Mr. HAND stated that at this time, no investigation in the Federal Tort Claims Act phase was desired.

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A review of the file in the office of Assistant United States Attorney GUS L. WOOD, III, Atlanta, on April 21, 1964, by SA [REDACTED] disclosed the following information: **b7c**

A complaint, Civil Action No. 8789, was filed in the U. S. District Court Clerk's Office, Atlanta, Georgia, on February 17, 1964, by MEYER HARRIS COHEN, also known as MICKEY COHEN, as Plaintiff against the United States of America as Defendant. The complaint alleged that while COHEN was confined as an inmate in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, COHEN had suffered and would continue to suffer great physical and mental pain and anguish and his physical capacity to derive income had been permanently and severely impaired so that COHEN would in the future suffer loss of income. Because of this, COHEN had allegedly been damaged to the extent of \$10,000,000 and a judgement in that amount in favor of COHEN was demanded.

The complaint alleged that on or about August 14, 1963, COHEN was inside the radio shop of the said penitentiary and while seated there, was attacked from the rear and beaten upon and about his head by [REDACTED] who was also confined as an inmate at the said penitentiary. [REDACTED] was allegedly armed with a piece of metal pipe, approximately 2½ feet long and used this pipe as a weapon in striking COHEN, rendering COHEN unconscious, resulting in the following serious and permanent injuries, amongst others: (1) Left homonymous hemianopia field defect; (2) Triplegia involving left arm and legs; (3) Compound comminuted depressed skull fracture (3 cm. depression); (4) Brain damage requiring removal of 30 Gm. macerated brain tissue from the right superior parietal region. **b7c**

The complaint alleged that the injuries were sustained as a result of negligent and careless acts and omissions by the defendant, through its employees at the said

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penitentiary in that: [REDACTED] was confined in a manner in which he could mingle with other prisoners; failure to have sufficient guards at the particular location of [REDACTED] detention; failure of the guards at said location to properly execute their duties; failure to provide adequate physical barriers, security and safeguards to prevent [REDACTED] ingress and egress from his particular location of detention; failure to have sufficient guards, security and safeguards to prevent [REDACTED] entering the radio shop; failure of the guards to properly execute their assigned duties, thereby allowing [REDACTED] entry into the radio shop; failure to provide adequate security and safeguards to prevent [REDACTED] from acquiring possession of a length of metal pipe which he then used as a weapon; failure to have sufficient guards and other security and safeguards within the radio shop to prevent the attack upon COHEN; and failure of the guards within the radio shop to properly execute their assigned duties resulting in allowing [REDACTED] to attack COHEN.

The attorneys for COHEN were listed as: DAHLSTROM [REDACTED], California Federal Building, Sunset and Vermont, Los Angeles, California: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MELVIN BELLI, 722 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California: [REDACTED]

The Government's answer to the complaint was filed on April 16, 1964, denying any negligence and denying that by reason of the defendant's alleged negligence, COHEN had been damaged to the extent claimed. In addition, the answer stated the plaintiff failed to state a cause of action upon which relief may be granted since all acts alleged by the plaintiff were either performed by employees of the defendant with due care, in the execution of a statute or regulation, or were based on the exercise or performance of a discretionary function of duty, and were therefore excluded from coverage of the Federal Tort Claims Act. Also, the plaintiff had stated a claim arising out of assault and battery which was accordingly

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excluded from coverage of the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Assistant United States Attorney WOOD stated this case is being handled by the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and no investigation is desired at this time.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/23/64

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (120-202) (P)

SUBJECT: MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka
FTCA
(OO: ATLANTA)

Re report of SA [REDACTED] 4/28/64, Atlanta. *sd 7217 b7c*

AUSA GUS L. WOOD, III, stated on 6/15/64 that the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. is handling this case and there have been no additional developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (120-7539)

DATE: 8/20/64

FROM : *EKI* SAC, ATLANTA (120-202) (P)

SUBJECT: *Ln* MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka
FTCA
(OO: Atlanta)

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AUSA GUS L. WOOD, III, stated on 8/18/64 there have been no additional pertinent developments in this case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ATLANTA	DATE 11/15/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/12/65
TITLE OF CASE MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY /C&W
		CHARACTER OF CASE FTCA	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/28/64, Atlanta. **b7C**
 Atlanta letter to Director, 8/20/64.

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Will follow court action in this matter.

PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO
 PENDING PROSECUTION OVER 3 MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Atlanta, Georgia

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: November 15, 1965

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

Field Office File #: 120-202

Bureau File #: 120-7539

Title: MEYER HARRIS COHEN

Character: FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

Synopsis: Case set for pre-trial, USDC, Atlanta, Ga., 12/8/65.

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DETAILS:

On November 12, 1965, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Assistant United States Attorney, JULIUS M. HULSEY,
Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, advised
that this matter has been set for pre-trial on December 8,
1965.

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REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ATLANTA	DATE 12/29/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/17/65
TITLE OF CASE MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY / caw
		CHARACTER OF CASE FTCA	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] Atlanta, 11/15/65.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Will follow court action in this matter.

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Atlanta **b7c**
Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: December 29, 1965 Office: Atlanta
Field Office File #: 120-202 Bureau File #: 120-7539
Title: MEYER HARRIS COHEN.

Character: FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

Synopsis: Case set for trial 1/31/66, USDC,
Atlanta, Georgia.

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DETAILS:

On December 17, 1965, Assistant United States Attorney JULIUS M. HULSEY, Northern District of Georgia, advised that pre-trial was held on December 8, 1965, and the case has been set for trial on 1/31/66. HULSEY advised he did not desire any investigation at this time.

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Airtel

1-Mr. Gillespie

To: SAC, Los Angeles (93-429)

From: Director, FBI (93-5772)

MICHAEL COHEN, AKA

AFA

GO:LA

Re: Rep of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/21/66,
at Los Angeles and Butel to SAC, Kansas City, 1/28/66. **b7c**

For information of Los Angeles, the Kansas City Office is currently investigating Mickey Cohen on possible violation of causing irregularities in a Federal penal institute involving the introduction of contraband into the Federal Penal Institute, Springfield, Missouri. In view of this, it is not felt that Cohen should be interviewed concerning his financial status until such time as the criminal matter is completely resolved. Los Angeles should advise the AUSA of this and, in the event she feels that Cohen should be interviewed prior to the completion of the criminal matter, Los Angeles should advise the Bureau and Kansas City with a lead for Kansas City to advise the USA, Kansas City, with a view towards having the AUSA, Kansas City, communicate with the AUSA, Los Angeles, in this regard.

Regarding the AUSA, Los Angeles' request to determine whether Cohen currently has any pending tort matters, according to the Tort Section of the Civil Division of the Department the only tort on record was filed by Cohen under Civil Action 8781, U. S. District Court, Atlanta, on 2/17/64. In this action Cohen uses

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Airtel to Los Angeles

RE: MICHAEL COHEN

the name of Meyer Harris Cohen. The complaint in this suit alleges that while Cohen was confined as an inmate in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, he suffered and continues to suffer great physical and mental pain following an assault upon him by a fellow inmate. Cohen was attacked from rear and beaten about the head by inmate [REDACTED] The suit seeks a judgment in the amount of \$10,000,000. This matter is scheduled to begin trial in Atlanta on 1/31/66. Los Angeles should furnish this information to the AUSA. Atlanta is to follow this matter closely and promptly advise the Bureau, Kansas City and Los Angeles as to the final outcome of this suit. **b7c**

NOTE: AUSA Dorothy Westover, Los Angeles, requested our Los Angeles Office to determine the current financial ability of Cohen relative to his ability to pay a judgment in the amount of \$393,262.83 filed on 4/6/65, in USDC, Los Angeles, resulting from his failure to pay income taxes for the years 1945 through 1950. The AUSA requested our Los Angeles Office to check credit records in Los Angeles and to interview Cohen about his current assets. She also requested that Cohen be questioned regarding any tort actions he presently has pending or anticipates filing in the near future. In view of the pending criminal matter and the pending tort action which is scheduled for trial 1/31/66, it is not felt that Cohen should be interviewed concerning his financial ability at this time.

The current criminal investigation involving possible irregularities in a Federal penal institute is captioned [REDACTED] et al., IFPI, "Bufile 58-6129. **b7c**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (120-202) (P)

SUBJECT: MEYER HARRIS COHEN, aka.
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(OO: Atlanta)
Bufile 120-7539

MICKEY COHEN, aka.
AFA
(OO: Los Angeles)
Bufile 93-5772

Rereport of SA [REDACTED] Atlanta, 12/29/65,
in captioned FTCA matter. ReBuairtel to Los Angeles, 1/27/66,
and Kansas City letter to Atlanta, 1/28/66, in captioned AFA
matter.

The Civil Action (number 8781) involving MEYER
HARRIS COHEN vs. U.S., was heard by the Honorable SIDNEY
O. SMITH, JR., USDCJ, NDGA, Atlanta, on 1/31 and 2/1/66.
Judge SMITH has ordered briefs submitted in this matter
by both parties prior to 3/1/66, and has stated he will
render a decision in this matter immediately thereafter.

In view of the above, and in view of the nature
of reBuairtel, the lead to interview COHEN in connection
with the AFA matter will be held in abeyance unless advised
to the contrary by the Bureau or Los Angeles.

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Re Atlanta airtel, 2/2/66.

On 2/3/66, [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, advised that subject COHEN had been transferred to the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Mo., by airlift on that date.

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 2/3/66.

On 2/28/66, JULIUS M. HULSEY, AUSA, NDGA, ATLANTA, Georgia, advised that the subject's defense attorney, [REDACTED] had made a motion on that date before the Honorable SIDNEY O. SMITH, JR., USDCJ, NDGA, to reopen the subject's FTCA hearing on the basis of newly discovered evidence. A hearing concerning this matter is now scheduled for 3/10/66 to determine if case will be reopened. **b7c**

Briefs in matter are to be submitted by both parties no later than 3/2/66.

Information copies to Kansas City and Los Angeles in view of interest concerning subject.

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COHEN 3/10 AJ

ATLANTA (UPI)--MICKEY COHEN'S LAWYERS TRIED TO GET THE CONVICTED RACKETEER'S \$10 MILLION DAMAGE SUIT REVIVED IN FEDERAL COURT THURSDAY ON GROUNDS THAT GOVERNMENT WITNESSES EITHER WITHHELD EVIDENCE OR COMMITTED PERJURY.

U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE SIDNEY O. SMITH TOOK THE ARGUMENT UNDER ADVISEMENT, PUTTING IT IN THE SAME CATEGORY WITH THE MAIN CASE WHICH HE HEARD EARLIER THIS YEAR.

COHEN ARGUES THAT NEGLIGENCE BY PRISON PERSONNEL RESULTED IN HIS BEATING BY A PRISONER AT THE ATLANTA U. S. PENITENTIARY.

ONE OF COHEN'S LAWYERS, PUT A SERIES OF WITNESSES ON THE STAND IN AN EFFORT TO SHOW THAT SEVERAL PRISONERS HAD "GONE OVER THE WALL" OF AN INTERNAL SECURITY BUILDING WITHIN THE PRISON.

ONE OF THE PRISONERS WHO MADE A BREAK OVER A WALL OF THE INNER BUILDING, TOLD THE COURT HIS ACTION WAS KNOWN AT THE PRISON AND THAT AN OFFICER FOUND HIM IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL. HE SAID HIS NEED FOR HOSPITALIZATION CAUSED HIM TO MAKE THE BREAK.

WHO WAS AT THE PENITENTIARY AT THE TIME OF THE BREAKOUT, TESTIFIED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE ACTION UNTIL HE READ ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPERS RECENTLY AND RECHECKED THE PRISON LOGS.

SAID SUCH A BREAK INSIDE THE PRISON WOULD BE REGARDED AS A MINOR INCIDENT "COMPARED WITH ALL THE THINGS THAT GO ON".

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		CHARACTER OF CASE FTCA b7C	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED], Atlanta, 12/29/65;
Report of SA [REDACTED], Los Angeles, 3/16/66,
in case entitled "MICHAEL COHEN, aka.; AFA;
(OO: LOS ANGELES)."

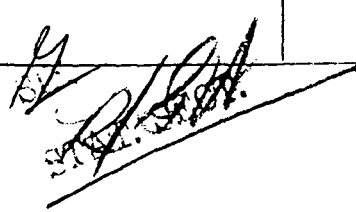
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ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and Los Angeles is one (1) copy each of the decision of SIDNEY O. SMITH, USDCJ, NDGA, Atlanta, Ga., in Civil Action 8789, involving MEYER HARRIS COHEN vs. U. S.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Case has been: Pending over one year Yes; Pending prosecution over six months No

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Information copy furnished Kansas City in view of fact COHEN is presently confined at the MCFP, Springfield, Mo.

Information copies furnished Los Angeles in view of pending AFA Matter involving subject.

It is noted a report has not been submitted in this matter since 12/29/65. However, case has received constant attention and has been kept current through interoffice communications, and the preparation of a report was delayed until a decision had been reached in this matter. Investigation conducted to keep Bureau advised of developments in this matter is not being re-stated in this report.

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SA [REDACTED]

Office: ATLANTA **b7c**

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March 24, 1966

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Bureau File #: 120-7539

Title:

MEYER HARRIS COHEN

Character:

FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

Synopsis:

On 3/21/66, USDCJ, NDGA, Atlanta, Ga., issued decision in Civil Action 8789, wherein COHEN had filed action against the U.S. Government for damages in the amount of \$10,000,000. Said decision awarded COHEN damages in the amount of \$110,000. AUSA, NDGA, in contact with Departmental Attorneys and recommends appeal of decision. SAVINGS TO THE GOVERNMENT - \$9,890,000.

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DETAILS:AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

On March 21, 1966, JULIUS M. HULSEY, Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia, advised SA [REDACTED] that the Honorable SIDNEY O. SMITH, JR., United States District Court Judge, Atlanta Division, Northern District of Georgia, had on that date issued his decision in Civil Action 8789, wherein Plaintiff MEYER HARRIS COHEN had filed an action against the United States Government for damages in the amount of \$10,000,000. He stated Judge SMITH had, in this decision, awarded COHEN damages in the amount of \$110,000. **b7c**

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On March 22, 1966, HULSEY advised he had discussed the outcome of this matter with Departmental Attorneys, and it was his recommendation that this decision be appealed.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
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MEYER HARRIS COHEN, also)
known as MICKEY COHEN,)
Plaintiff)

CIVIL ACTION

v.)

NO. 8789

THE UNITED STATES OF)
AMERICA,)
Defendant)

This is an action for damages brought pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C.A. §§1346(b), 2671 et seq. by plaintiff, who at the time of the injury was a prisoner at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. The particular injuries were suffered as the result of a physical beating by another inmate in the penitentiary. See Muniz v. United States, 374 U. S. 150, 83 S. Ct. 1850 (1963).

The main thrust of plaintiff's suit is that the Government was negligent in failing to prevent the assault upon him by the other inmate, [REDACTED] who was contended to be a "mentally abnormal" person.¹ The Government, on the other hand, asserts that it exercised ordinary care in the keeping of both

- ¹The specific allegations of negligence are:
- (1) In the confining of said [REDACTED] in a penitentiary and in a manner where he could intermingle with any other prisoners;
 - (2) In failing to have sufficient guards at the particular location of the detention of said [REDACTED] within the penitentiary;
 - (3) In the failure of the guards at said location to properly execute their assigned duties;
 - (4) In the failure to provide adequate physical barriers and other security and safeguards which would prevent the ingress and egress of said [REDACTED] from the particular location of his detention within the penitentiary;
 - (5) In the failure to have sufficient guards and other security and safeguards to prevent the said [REDACTED] from traveling through the penitentiary grounds and buildings and entering the radio shop;

prisoners. There is no contention that the two inmates personally knew each other or that there were any prior dealings between them. Thus, there is no problem as to whether the assault on plaintiff might be "justifiable" under state law. See Simonton v. Sauls, 74 Ga. App. 3 (1); Thompson v. Shelverton, 131 Ga. 714 (1).

The case was regularly tried by the court. Subsequently, but prior to submission of proposed findings to the court or any finding by the court, plaintiff moves to reopen to present newly discovered evidence which was granted and further trial held. See Gas Ridge, Inc. v. Suburban Agricultural Properties, Inc., 150 F.2d 363(3) (5th Cir. 1945); Bowles v. Six States Coal Corp., 64 F. Supp. 651 (1946); 6 Moore, Federal Practice, §59.04 (13).

From the evidence adduced on the trials, the court makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

(1) The assault.

The United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, is a maximum security institution, housing approximately 2,300 inmates a great majority of whom are under long sentences. Many inmates have escape records and aggravated criminal records or adjustment

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- (6) In the failure of the guards to properly execute their assigned duties and as a direct result allowing the said [REDACTED] to travel through the penitentiary grounds and buildings and enter the radio shop;
- (7) In the failure to provide adequate security and safeguards to prevent said [REDACTED] from acquiring possession of a length of metal pipe which he thereafter used as a weapon as aforesaid;
- (8) In the failure to have sufficient guards and other security and safeguards within the radio shop to prevent the attack upon plaintiff as aforesaid;

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difficulties in the institution and other institutions where they have been confined. Both Cohen and [REDACTED] were legally confined in said penitentiary in August, 1963, and were under the care, custody, and control of the Government.

As a maximum security institution, the Atlanta Penitentiary has a walled perimeter which provides close custody. The wall is manned by guards in towers. This tight perimeter security permits a freer movement and less regimentation of inmates within the walls, facilitating rehabilitation programs such as prison industries, vocational training shops, educational programs and recreation.

Within the maximum perimeter of the penitentiary is located the Associate Warden's Building (commonly referred to as the AW building). Its purpose is to house prisoners in two categories: punitive segregation and administrative segregation. Punitive segregation is imposed by the prison authorities for breaches of discipline and is normally limited to 10 days; administrative segregation is imposed on various categories of prisoners, including unmanageable and dangerous inmates, repeated disciplinary problems, and persons under investigation or awaiting trial, and is imposed for longer periods, usually of 30 days or more. The purpose of the AW building is absolute segregation and that inmates be kept there until properly released. According to the Warden, the duty of the guards is to keep such prisoners there for "disciplinary purposes, for our protection, and for the protection of others."

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(9) In the failure of the guards within the radio shop to properly execute their assigned duties and as a direct result allowing the said [REDACTED] to attack the plaintiff as aforesaid;

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At that time, he was generally classified as being in a "constitutional psychopathic state, emotional instability." He was specifically classified as paranoid with "considerable likelihood of his having recurrent psychotic episodes in the future, under situations of stress." The general classification refers to emotionally immature persons, who are impulsive, aggressive types in repeated conflict with the law and society. Up to 80% of the population of the Atlanta penitentiary fall into this general classification. Approximately one-third have assaultive backgrounds and approximately 200 are serving sentences for crimes of violence. The specific classification of paranoid refers to persons within the general classification who have ideas and delusions of persecution directed toward others, frequently with no cause whatsoever. Various paranoids believe they can read another's mind and determine that they are after him. This sometimes results in psychotic episodes such as assaults, fights, suicides, refusal to eat, etc. In fact, in [REDACTED] case, this had resulted in the December assault when he knew from the victim's attitude and speech that he would cut him, if he didn't "beat him to the draw." In 1961 it was concluded that [REDACTED] be placed in maximum security and under continued psychiatric supervision. b7c

Later in 1961 he was transferred to Leavenworth (the other maximum security institution maintained by the government since the closing of Alcatraz). His psychiatric record was reviewed and he was diagnosed as a sociopathic personality, which is the equivalent of his general classification of constitutional psychopathic state. Because of poor emotional control, it was recommended that he be given a "job assignment which would limit interpersonal relationships and minimize situations as well as a single cell.

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There was no further psychiatric evaluation of [REDACTED] by the government in 1962 or in 1963 prior to the assault on plaintiff. Prior to the summer of 1963 he was returned to Atlanta. On June 1, 1963, he was placed in administrative segregation and released after a short stay.

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On June 22, 1963, [REDACTED] was placed in the Associate Warden's Building, confined to administrative segregation, based upon information that [REDACTED] had threatened another inmate and had forced this inmate to give up items which he had purchased at the Penitentiary Commissary, described by the prison officials as "strong arm tactics." He remained there until August 14, 1963

The AW Building is a two-storied brick building. The first floor contains cells for punitive segregation and the second floor contains cells for administrative segregation with a guard on each floor. Inmates in punitive segregation have distinctive clothing, while those in administrative segregation have the normal prison garb worn by the general prison population. Outside the AW Building, it cannot be determined whether a prisoner is in administrative segregation by his clothing. Adjacent to the AW Building is an enclosed exercise yard connected to both floors by steps.

Officers at the institution were directed to give yard privileges for inmates confined to administrative segregation in the AW Building. Such inmates were permitted to go to the yard in groups of not more than three at a time.

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On August 14, [REDACTED] along with two other inmates, was permitted to go to the exercise yard. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] placed the three inmates in the yard at approximately 8:40 A.M. on August 14, 1963. At this time [REDACTED] observed nothing unusual in regard to inmate [REDACTED]. The exercise yard is located on the rear of the segregation building itself. The yard is an area of 40 x 60 feet, walled on three sides by a 10 1/2 to 11 foot brick wall, and on the fourth by the segregation building itself. There was no wire screen on top of the brick wall and there was no electrical warning device on top of the wall around the exercise yard. Inmate [REDACTED] was allowed to have with him in the exercise yard a dumbbell measuring approximately 12 to 13 inches in length. There was no guard placed over the inmates in the exercise yard, although that exercise yard was under the surveillance of two posts -- Tower #1 officer who observed the yard at irregular but frequent intervals, and the officer in administrative segregation, who looked into the yard at irregular but less frequent intervals. The Tower #1 guard's responsibility was to keep surveillance not only on the exercise yard of the segregation building but also over the outside perimeter wall and other areas that are inside the confines of the institution.

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[REDACTED] was of muscular athletic build and had the reputation of devoting much time to body-building and physical fitness. Either by scaling the wall, or by use of the dumbbell, or with the aid of the other inmates, he succeeded in getting over the wall of the exercise yard and immediately proceeded some 500 feet across the prison property undetected to the "Radio-TV" building.

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Upon this occasion Meyer Morris Cohen was assigned to the tool room of the Electrical Shop which is adjacent to and part of the same shop area as the Radio-TV Shop. Inmate Cohen was seated in a chair beside the desk of Instructor [REDACTED]. Instructor [REDACTED] was seated behind the desk talking to inmate Cohen. Inmate Cohen's back was to the corridor leading into the Electrical Shop. [REDACTED] was the only employee in the Electrical Shop and Radio-TV Shop area, all supervisors from the Electrical Shop having left the building to work in other parts of the institution. There was no guard at the door leading to the Electrical Shop and the barred door was not locked.

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Inmate [REDACTED] suddenly struck inmate Cohen on the back of his head with a conduit pipe curved on one end. Instructor [REDACTED] jumped to his feet, shouted to inmate [REDACTED] to stop and then phoned the alarm in order to summon help. Inmate Cohen was struck three times on the skull with the conduit pipe. There is no knowledge as to how inmate [REDACTED] obtained possession of the pipe though various electrical supplies were stored along the corridor leading to the electrical shop.

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Various officers answered the alarm and the Radio-TV building was sealed off. Officer [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] between there and the AV Building and apprehended him. At that time [REDACTED] "said he had got one and named Mickey Cohen." In [REDACTED] hand was the white conduit pipe with blood stains on the end.

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Shortly thereafter [REDACTED] was reexamined by [REDACTED] under court direction and was found to be [REDACTED] and unable to stand trial for the assault on Cohen and was

In September, 1961, another inmate [REDACTED] was placed in administrative segregation for an assault on a fellow prisoner in the kitchen. On November 17, 1961, he was given exercise privileges in the same yard under the same conditions. With the aid of a mop, he succeeded in getting over the wall and going to the hospital for his avowed purpose of seeing a doctor. [REDACTED] was only [REDACTED] and much smaller than [REDACTED]. Between the AW Building and the hospital, another inmate, [REDACTED] met him. [REDACTED] spontaneously told him "he was hot," meaning a status of escape.

██████████ followed him to the hospital and saw him brought out after being apprehended by the officers. As a result, ██████████ yard privileges at the AW Building were revoked for 90 days by the acting associate warden, ██████████ who had assisted in apprehending him. ██████████ had the prime responsibility for the AW Building at the time of ██████████ escape and was still in charge at the time of ██████████ escape, which occurred approximately ██████████

██████████ No changes were made in the yard or its enclosure in the intervening period. (This evidence was produced when the trial reopened.)

Plaintiff, as a result of the assault, was grievously injured. When first admitted to the prison hospital he was unconscious and had a midline skull wound approximately 6 inches long, 3 inches wide, and 1 1/2 inches deep. X-rays showed in-driven bone. [REDACTED], an Atlanta neurosurgeon, was

brought in and operated, removing the crushed portions of the skull and a little over 1 ounce of damaged brain. His skill undoubtedly saved plaintiff's life.

As a result of the injury, plaintiff received extensive damage to his central nervous system resulting in immediate complete paralysis of his legs and partial paralysis of his left side, left arm and face, and spasticity in the affected parts.

On October 2, 1963, he was transferred to the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, where he is still a patient. Without recounting the various extensive medical procedures undergone by Cohen, in general since that time he has had a subsequent operation placing a metal plate in his skull, has been fitted with various braces, and given extensive therapy which he is still undergoing. In the 2 1/2 years since the injury, he has in every instance received the very finest medical help available from a group of skilled, devoted doctors, specialists, and therapists.

Unfortunately, the best medical opinion is that he has now reached optimum recovery. Recent examinations by government and private specialists place his permanent disability at a minimum of 50%. His left leg has a permanent weakness and must be partially dragged; his left arm has a permanent weakness and he has little dexterity in his left hand; his right leg is better, but weak. His normal locomotion is by wheelchair. With the aid of a crutch cane, he can walk on flat surfaces with great difficulty and can get up and down stairs at a slow pace. However, if he fall flat, he is unable to get up by himself. His gait is unsteady, spastic, and stiff-legged with half-steps. In order to

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do any kind of work, he must sit and use his right-hand only and is totally disabled for any hard labor.

His mental condition and eyesight, although temporarily injured, are completely restored. His present IQ is higher than 15 years ago. His senses of smell, sight, touch, hearing and speech are normal. He writes well and has sexual responses.

He is completely cooperative, diligent and determined in all medical procedures. He shows an 8 inch scar on his scalp following the insertion of the plate which was custom cast to fit his skull. He is, of course, anxious and worried about his disability and probably will have to have some nursing care hereafter, though not necessarily of a professional nature. The possibility of post-traumatic epilepsy or convulsions is remote, only 4 or 5%, but he will be lame and crippled permanently.

(3) Damages.

At the time of the injury, plaintiff was 51 years old and had a life expectancy of 20.39 years. He was a former professional boxer and was in excellent physical condition.

He has no memory of the incident and his first recollection following was going on the train from Atlanta to Springfield some six weeks after the assault. Since that time he has been in constant pain. For awhile his head hurt resulting from brain swelling, and this was partially relieved by a spinal tap. He has undergone two delicate and serious brain operations. According to all doctors, his was an extremely severe and painful injury. He has been on various pain-relieving drugs and presently takes 3 capsules a day as prescribed. He moves only with great

effort and with considerable actual pain. He can dress himself only with great difficulty and toilet and bath use are likewise difficult. His present routine involves being "stretched" for 15 to 30 minutes prior to therapeutic exercises and walking for 1 1/2 to 2 hours per day. The remainder of the time is sedentary.

His medical care has been extensive and expensive, but the government has borne the entire cost. His ability to labor is greatly impaired. He was formerly a very active person physically, but lived primarily by his wits in gambling operations. He has no special talents and must be retrained to perform any task requiring technical skill.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Standard and Duty of Care.

This case, of course, is controlled by United States v. Muniz, 374 U. S. 150. In many respects, the factual situation is similar. There it was clearly held that "the duty of care owed by the Bureau of Prisons to federal prisoners is fixed by 18 U.S.C.A. §4042, independent of an inconsistent state rule."

18 U.S.C.A. §4042 provides:

"The Bureau of Prisons, under the direction of the Attorney General, shall--

- (1) have charge of the management and regulation of all Federal penal and correctional institutions;
- (2) provide suitable quarters and provide

for the safekeeping, care, and subsistence of all persons charged with or convicted of offenses against the United States, or held as witnesses or otherwise;

(3) provide for the protection, instruction, and discipline of all persons charged with or convicted of offenses against the United States.

This section shall not apply to military or naval penal or correctional institutions or the persons confined therein."

Certainly, however, the duty owed prisoners under state law is persuasive and is of some value as to the standards which ought to be imposed. In Georgia, while the state retains immunity in such cases, the individual jailors may be personally liable, as well as their bondsmen. Thus, "A sheriff owes to a prisoner placed in his custody a duty to keep the prisoner safely and free from harm, to render him medical aid when necessary, and to treat him humanely and refrain from opposing him; and where a sheriff is negligent in his care and custody of a prisoner, and as a result the prisoner receives injury or meets his death, or where a sheriff fails in the performance of his duty to the prisoner and the latter suffers injury or meets his death, the sheriff would, in a proper case, be liable ---." Kendrick v. Adamson, 51 Ga. App. 402 (2). His duty is clearly "to exercise ordinary diligence to keep his prisoner safe and free from harm." Thompson v. Williams, 105 Ga. App. 321 at 327. This standard has long been known to federal officers. See Asher v. Cabell, 50 Fed. 318

(5th Cir. 1892) where it was held that the United States Marshal owed a duty of "safe-keeping and protection from unlawful injury" to a prisoner who was killed by a mob. See also Wine v. United States, 280 F.2d 88, cert. den. 364 U.S. 675. As the Federal Tort Claims Act² results in liability "if a private person would be liable to the claimant," it appears that the standard of care due a prisoner under either the federal statute or the state rule is the same, namely, to exercise ordinary care for the prisoner's protection and to keep him safe and free from harm. In the absence of ordinary care the government becomes liable under the Act unless there is some special exceptions created by Congress.

Exceptions.

In this case the government has again advanced the exceptions claimed under 28 U.S.C.A. §2680 (a) and (b). This statute provides for freedom of governmental liability upon:

"(a) Any claim based upon an act or omission of an employee of the Government, exercising due care, in the execution of a statute or regulation, whether or not such statute or regulation be valid, or based upon the exercise

²(b) Subject to the provisions of chapter 171 of this title, the district courts, together with the United States District Court for the District of the Canal Zone and the District Court of the Virgin Islands, shall have exclusive jurisdiction of civil actions on claims against the United States, for money damages, accruing on and after January 1, 1945, for injury or loss of property, or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Government while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred.

or performance or the failure to exercise or perform a discretionary function or duty on the part of a federal agency or an employee of the Government, whether or not the discretion involved be abused."

(the "discretionary" exception)

"(h) Any claim arising out of assault, battery, false imprisonment, false arrest, malicious prosecution, abuse of process, libel, slander, misrepresentation, deceit, or interference with contract rights."

(the "assault" exception)

Muniz without specifically ruling on the applicability of either exception to a particular case, concluded that none of the exceptions (of 28 U.S.C.A. §2680) precluded bringing suits such as this. United States v. Muniz, supra at 153. The determination of either exception was left for the district courts on the facts of the particular claim.

Undoubtedly the "discretionary" exception would apply to many claims, such as visitation rights, place of confinement, transfers, disciplinary forfeitures, and the like of the type constantly sought to be raised by habeas corpus. All of such matters are discretionary functions and duties under the overall supervision of the Attorney-General. Thus there is no hesitancy in sustaining such exceptions as to an administrative decision imposed on the claimant. See Morton v. United States, 228 F.2d 431. The point was inferentially raised at the Circuit level in Muniz when the court rejected the theory that the grant of authority over prisons to the Bureau of Prisons insulated the government from any liability in its execution. Muniz v. United

States, 303 F.2d 285 (1). The exclusion is properly limited to the planning level and not the operational level; and to acts of a governmental and not a ministerial function. See Belight v. United States, 346 U. S. 15. Thus, it may protect against an improvident high-level decision, but not against a negligent act, even though some discretion is involved in each. Whatever is done or not done at any institution involves a decision by someone, but this does not mean that all acts are exempt from tortious liability as discretionary. Fair v. United States, 234 F.2d 283(b).

The "assault" exception has been specifically raised on several occasions and rejected by the courts as inapplicable in cases such as these. It now appears clear that this subsection applies only if the assault is inflicted by a government employee. Panella v. United States, 216 F.2d 622; Muniz v. United States, 305 F.2d 285.

Only recently, the two exceptions were reviewed and rejected in a suit where one prisoner assaulted another and the claimant contended that the negligence of the government was the effective cause. Fleishour v. United States, 244 F. Supp. 762 (1965).

Negligence.

Accordingly here, the case turns on the question of whether the government was negligent in permitting [REDACTED] to inflict the assault on Cohen. By no means is the government an insurer of the safety of a prisoner. This is not the philosophy of the Federal Tort Claims Act, and the government has the same

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status as any private party in such matters. Indian Towing Co. v. United States, 350 U. S. 61.

While there is some element of an incontestable administrative decision regarding the conditions of confinement between the prison officials and the person confined, as regards third persons, (including other prisoners), it is reasonable to conclude that some duty of care is owed in this regard. As seen, the government has a duty of protection and safekeeping. In the discharge of that duty the government must exercise ordinary care in (1) the classification of prisoners and in (2) the custody of prisoners properly classified.

Thus, upon admission of an inmate, a reasonable assignment to a proper custody category, i.e. minimum, medium, maximum, etc. must be made on the basis of prior record and mental and psychiatric reports on the prisoner. This is a continuing duty and possible reclassification may result from behavior, further testing, and observation during the course of confinement. Thus, a reasonable assignment upon admission might not be reasonable five years later, dependent upon the prisoner's conduct in the interim.

Once a classification is made, then the government has the duty to take reasonable care in the maintenance of his custody. While the standard of ordinary care remains the same, obviously more supervision is needed for a person in close custody than one in minimum or "trusty" status. The greater the need for close confinement then the more is required in preserving that status.

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Measured by the above, the facts of this case lead to the conclusion that the government was negligent in regards to its supervision of [REDACTED]. Here, a recommendation was made in 1961, following a series of assaultive incidents and upon a history of psychotic episodes, that he be placed in maximum confinement status. In 1963 a new series of assaultive incidents began and, based thereon, [REDACTED] was placed in administrative segregation in the AW Building, the ultimate available in security. If his conduct and history was such as to justify such placement, then he should not have been allowed to escape therefrom. What constitutes proper supervision of a minimum or medium prisoner would fall far short of what constitutes proper supervision of a person in maximum segregation as "unmanageable or dangerous." As seen, the government was on notice of [REDACTED] psychotic tendency and the "considerable likelihood of his having recurrent psychotic episodes." It was likewise on notice that it was possible for an unsupervised inmate to get over the wall of the exercise yard. To state that the care taken was sufficient for "most" cases or generally accepted procedure in penal institutions omits the human failure of those persons charged with the direct operational duty of keeping such segregated prisoners confined. There was no shortage of manpower. Two or more guards were present at the AW Building at all times and the escape took place within a few feet of the guard on Tower No. 1. Except in the exercise yard, all prisoners in segregation were under lock and key or under direct control of a guard.

This is not to say that all prisoners with assaultive records must be locked in a cell. See Fleishour v. United States,

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244 F. Supp. 762. Admittedly there is a high incidence of such persons in any prison population. However, where an assaultive individual has a psychiatric record such as the one revealed here, it would be negligence to grant him the freedoms of any other prisoner. Having made the proper decision to place [REDACTED] in maximum segregation, the government was bound to take the necessary steps to enforce that decision. In this respect it failed.

No negligence is found in the general prison plan, nor in the operation of the Radio-TV building, nor in the ratio of guards per prisoner, nor in the freedom of movement generally permitted outside the AW Building within the main perimeter. Had a fellow prisoner not in segregation and within the normal emotional range of prisoners committed the assault on Cohen in the dining hall or the Radio-TV shop or elsewhere, there would be no hesitancy in finding for the government. But here, the government failed to provide protection when it had already decided protection was necessary. We are persuaded in this finding by the existing burdens placed on government institutions when psychiatric problems are involved. See Fair v. United States, 234 F.2d 266 (5th Cir. 1956); Underwood v. United States, _____ F.2d _____, (5th Cir., No. 21924, Jan. 26, 1966).

Damages.

At pre-trial, the damages were stipulated to cover pain and suffering which, in Georgia, includes the "loss of ability to labor." The measure is the "enlightened conscience" of the trier of fact. See Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. v. Jants, 82 Ga. App. 36(4).

As to such damages, they are grievous. Despite the conscientious effort of the plaintiff toward recovery and despite the splendid medical help furnished him by the government, it is apparent that Cohen has been painfully transformed from a healthy vigorous man to an invalid through no fault of his own. There can be no assumption of risk by a prisoner and there is no contributory negligence here in mitigation or reduction of damages. See Cole v. United States, 249 F. Supp. 7. It is a marvelous commentary on our legal system that this claim can be prosecuted without regard to plaintiff's standing as a prisoner or ward of the state. It is equally valid that his status should not preclude him from just compensation upon a showing of liability. Considering that medical expenses normally recoverable have already been borne entirely by the government to the extent of thousands of dollars, but considering also the extent of permanent injury, the total damage is fixed at One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00). This is believed to be well within the range awarded for pain and suffering for similar debilitating injuries to non-prisoners. United States v. Grislawakas, 195 F.2d 494; Cowen v. Inland Waterways Corp., 121 F. Supp. 633; Christopher v. United States, 237 F. Supp. 787; McCall v. United States, 206 F. Supp. 421; Edkins v. Virgin Islands, 236 F. Supp. 441. Likewise, it is considered to be within the range of jury verdicts in this District.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C.A. §2678, attorneys fees are fixed within the limits prescribed at Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). This considers the fact that the case was aggressively prepared and presented.

Judgment may be presented in accordance with these findings.

The difficulties foreseen in the future handling of prisoner's claims prompts an additional comment as to a possible solution. There already exists a compensation system for injuries received by prisoners while working in a prison industry or while maintaining and improving the institution of confinement. 18 U.S.C.A. §4126. See Winston v. United States, 305 F.2d 253. Already the courts are troubled when an innocent prisoner receives an injury elsewhere, but no recovery is allowed because of the absence of negligence on the part of the government. See Fleishour v. United States, 244 F. Supp. 762 at 767 (S). An automatic compensation system covering all prisoners "within the scope of their employment" would produce surer and more uniform results.

The customary exclusions due to the wilful misconduct by the claimant would amply protect the government against the spurious claims now feared by the Bureau of Prisons following Muniz.³ The instant case is decidedly not such a claim.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

This the 21st day of March, 1966.

Sidney O. Smith, Jr.

Sidney O. Smith, Jr.
United States District Judge

³For example, the present Georgia Workmen's Compensation statute provides: "No compensation shall be allowed for an injury or death due to the employee's wilful misconduct, including inten-

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tionally self-inflicted injury, or growing out of his attempt to injure another, or due to intoxication or wilful failure or refusal to use a safety appliance or perform a duty required by statute, or the wilful breach of any rule or regulation adopted by the employer and approved by the State Board of Workmen's Compensation, and brought to the knowledge of the employee prior to the accident. The burden of proof shall be upon him who claims an exemption or forfeiture under this section."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 25, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Walters
1 - Mr. Gillespie
1 - Administrative Division

SUBJECT: MEYER HARRIS COHEN
ALSO KNOWN AS MICKEY COHEN
FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

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PURPOSE:

To report a savings to the Government in the amount of \$9,890,000.

BACKGROUND:

On 2/17/64, Mickey Cohen, the notorious West Coast hoodlum and racketeer who is currently serving a 15-year sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, for Federal tax evasion, filed a suit under the Federal Tort Claims Act in U. S. District Court, Atlanta, Georgia, on 2/17/64, seeking a judgment of \$10,000,000. Cohen's suit was based on injuries sustained as a result of being struck on the head by [REDACTED] a fellow inmate at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, and he claimed that the failure of the prison guards to properly execute their assigned duties resulted in allowing [REDACTED] to attack him. **b7c**

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THIS BUREAU:

Immediately following the assault on Cohen which occurred on 8/14/63, our Atlanta office initiated an extensive criminal investigation to ascertain the facts concerning the assault on Cohen. (Bureau file 70-37644) It was developed that the assault was motivated by personal disagreement between [REDACTED] and Cohen resulting from Cohen's surreptitiously sending money to fellow inmates for personal favors and [REDACTED] conniving to get \$75 of such money intended for another inmate. Our Atlanta office interviewed prison personnel as well as witnesses to the assault and the FBI Laboratory conducted an examination on the assault weapon used by [REDACTED]. As a result of the criminal investigation [REDACTED] was indicted by a Federal grand jury on 8/26/63, and charged with assault with intent to commit murder under the Crime on a Government **REC-50 100-75371-11 b7c**

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Re: MEYER HARRIS COHEN

Reservation Statute. The results of the criminal investigation were furnished to the U. S. Attorney and made available to the Civil Division of the Department and were used by the Government's attorney during the Federal Tort Claims Act trial. On 3/21/66, U. S. District Judge, Northern District of Georgia, in a nonjury trial returned a decision awarding Cohen damages in the amount of \$110,000, thus resulting in a savings to the Government of \$9,890,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Atlanta office be credited with a savings in the amount of \$9,890,000.

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